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Cong. to choose between Kharge & Tharoor today

For first time in 24 years, no member of the Gandhi family is a candidate for the top post; voting to be held in all State unit headquarters, special provisions made for Bharat Jodo Yatra delegates

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The Congress is all set to witness a contest between party veteran Mallikarjun Kharge and Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor in the party's presidential polls on Monday.

For the first time in 24 years, no member of the Gandhi family is a candidate for the party's top post. The last contest that the party witnessed was in November 2000, when Sonia Gandhi had defeated her rival Jitendra Prasada by a huge margin. In 1997, a triangular contest between Sitaram Kesri, Sharad Pawar and Rajesh Pilot saw Kesri's victory.

While voting will be held at all State units headquarters, a polling booth has been set up at the party headquarters for Congress Working Committee members and special arrangements made for the delegates who are part of the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Voting will start from 10 a.m. and end by 4 p.m.

All set: Congress workers preparing for the party's presidential election, at DPCC in New Delhi on Sunday. PTI

"There've been queries on where @RahulGandhi will cast his vote tomorrow for Congress Presidential election. There should be no speculation. He will be voting at the #BharatJodoYatra campsite in Sanganakallu, Ballari along with around 40 other Bharat Yatris who are PCC delegates," the party tweeted.

The counting of votes and declaration of results will take place in Delhi on October 19.

Both Mr. Kharge and Mr. Tharoor have been engaged in hectic campaigns, crisscrossing State capitals, to appeal to 9,000-plus Pradesh Congress Committee delegates who make up the electoral college for electing the party chief.

While Mr. Kharge is considered firm favourite and is being labelled as the'establishment candidate', Mr. Tharoor has pitched himself as "the candidate for change".

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Big private projects give investment boost in Q2

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's private sector investment announcements soared 66% between July and September to nearly ₹5.7 lakh crore, compared to the first quarter of 2022-23, even as there was a worrying dip in the execution rate for outstanding projects already committed to.

Though the first quarter (Q1) of the year had reported a 20.5% sequential dip in new investments, second quarter (Q2) was boosted by super mega projects like Vedanta's ₹1.54 lakh crore plans to produce chips in Gujarat, driving a sharp 41% jump in investment projects, investment monitoring firm Projects Today said.

The second quarter uptick lifted outlays announced so far this fiscal to almost ₹13.2 lakh crore, 36.6% more than a year ago, with Central government investments rising 33.7%, private capital outlays growing a more modest 24.8% and States' public spending plans recording a sharp 120% surge from the first half of 2021-22.

States' capex plans are higher than the Central projects announced so far this year, rising from ₹1.07 lakh crore in the first half of last year to ₹2.36 lakh crore. Fresh Central government outlays stand at ₹1.7 lakh crore, from ₹1.27 lakh crore in the same period of 2021-22.

Projects Today's latest Projex survey also shows a sharp 87% spike, quarter-on-quarter, in manufacturing sector investments at ₹4.34 lakh crore, which accounted for more than 56% of all new investment outlays in Q2.

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Change in trend

The table lists the number, value and the change in value of new projects announced so far in FY23

Sector	Projects	Value (in ₹ lakh crore)	Change in value (y-o-y)
Manufacturing	958	6.66	36.17%
Mining	111	0.31	-19.55%
Electricity	150	0.84	-8.97%
Services & utilities	3,636	5	46.86%
Irrigation	141	0.38	617.09%
All sectors	4,996	13.2	36.59%

Source: Proiects Todav

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Victims were almost home

ARSIKERE (HASSAN)
The nine victims who died in an accident in Arsikere were a few minutes away from home when their TT was crushed between a bus and a tanker.

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Rahul to vote in Sanganakallu

BALLARI
Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will exercise his franchise in the election to AICC president's post at a booth established in Sanganakallu in Ballari district.

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Text&Context

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Foreign investors withdraw from Indian equity markets

7,500 In ₹ crore, the amount withdrawn by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from the Indian equity markets in the first two weeks of October on concerns of monetary policy tightening by the U.S. Federal Reserve and other central banks. With this, the total FPI outflow this year has reached ₹1.76 lakh crore so far. PTI

New digital banking units inaugurated across India

75 The number of Digital Banking Units (DBUs), inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi including two of the Jammu and Kashmir Bank. In the Union Budget 2022-23, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the setting up of DBUs to commemorate 75 years of independence. Eleven banks in the public sector and 12 in the private sector are participating PTI

Wage hike under the General Insurance Amendment Scheme

12 In percentage, the average hike in wage for employees of four public sector general insurance companies effective from August 2017, under the General Insurance (Rationalisation of Pay Scales and other Conditions of Service of Officers) Amendment Scheme, the Finance Ministry has notified. The officers and employees will get arrears for five years. PTI

Contractual recruitments to be regularised in Odisha

57,000 The number of contract employees under the Odisha State Government to be regularised as the State is abolishing contractual recruitment, according to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting on the eve of the Chief Minister's 76th birthday. PTI

Students and teachers from DU detained during protests

40 The number of students and teachers from Delhi University (DU) detained by the police during protests at the DU Arts Faculty for the release of former professor G. N. Saibaba, hours after the Supreme Court stayed his acquittal by the Bombay High Court. According to the police, the students were not given permission to hold a protest. PTI

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Understanding the Global Hunger Index

On what indicators is the GHI computed? Why did the Ministry of Women and Child Development reject the report and call it "an erroneous measure of hunger"? Why are child-centric metrics used to calculate global hunger?

EXPLAINER

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

For the second time in two years, the Ministry of Women and Child Development on Saturday rejected the Global Hunger Index (GHI) that ranked India 107 among 121 countries. India was accorded a score of 29.1 out of 100 (with 0 representing no hunger), placing it behind Sri Lanka (66), Myanmar (71), Nepal (81) and Bangladesh (84). It referred to the index as "an erroneous measure of hunger".

What is the Global Hunger Index?

The GHI, is a peer-reviewed annual report that endeavours to "comprehensively measure and track hunger at the global, regional, and country levels". Authors of the report primarily refer to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2) that endeavours to achieve 'Zero Hunger' by 2030. According to them, the report attempts to "raise awareness and understanding of the struggle against hunger". The GHI score is computed using four broad indicators – undernourishment (measure of the proportion of the population facing chronic deficiency of dietary energy intake), child stunting (low height for age), child wasting (low weight for height) and child mortality (death of a child under the age of five).

Why these four metrics?

Undernourishment, as per the authors, provides a basis to measure inadequate access to food and is among the lead indicators for international hunger targets, including the UN SDG 2. Child stunting and mortality, offers perspective about the child's vulnerability to nutritional deficiencies, access to food and quality of nutrition. Since children (especially below five) are at a developmental age there is a greater and urgent requirement for nutrition with results particularly visible. This forms the basis of assessing nutritional requirement among children. Adults are at a sustainable age – they are not growing but rather subsisting on nutrition for healthy survival. And lastly, on the same rationale, child mortality indicates the serious consequences of hunger.

GETTY IMAGES

What allegations are we looking at?

As per the Ministry for Women and Child Development, the report lowers India's rank based on the estimates of the Proportion of Undernourished (PoU) population. It elaborates that the U.S. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) estimate is based on the 'Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)' survey module conducted using the Gallup World Poll, that bears a sample size of 3,000 respondents being asked eight questions. It stated that the data represented a miniscule proportion for a country of India's size. It countered the assertions in the report pointing to India's per capita dietary energy supply increasing year-on-year due to enhanced production of major agricultural commodities in the country over the years.

The GHI website provides important clarifications on these points raised by the government. It explains that while FAO uses a suite of indicators on food security, including two important indicators – prevalence of undernourishment and prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity based on FIES – the GHI only uses the PoU obtained through food balance sheets based on data reported by member countries, including India. A food balance sheet provides a comprehensive picture of the pattern of a country's food supply during a specified reference period. It lists down the source of the supply and its utilisation specific to each food category.

On why the GHI uses three child-specific indicators out of the four to calculate hunger for a country's population, the website explains, "By combining the proportion of undernourished in the population (1/3 of the GHI score) with the indicators relating to children under age five (2/3 of the GHI score), the GHI ensures that both the food supply situation of the population as a whole and the effects of inadequate nutrition within a vulnerable subset of the population are captured." In fact, a Senior Policy Officer at the GHI said that, "All four indicators used in the calculation of the global hunger are recognised by the international community, including India, and used for measuring progress towards the UN SDGs."

Why the controversy?

According to the Ministry, the report is not only disconnected from ground reality but also chooses to ignore the food security efforts of the Central government especially during the pandemic. The Union Cabinet through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojna (PM-GKAY), provisioned an additional 5 kg ration per person each month in addition to their normal quota of foodgrains. According to Professor of Economics at the Ambedkar University, Dipa Sinha, the schemes definitely helped ease the situation but fell short of being adequate.

With inputs from Jagriti Chandra

THE GIST

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Why does the SC Collegium hold primacy over transfers?

The government's unilateral delaying or segregating of names, recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium, is affecting effective justice administration as posts remain vacant without end

LETTER & SPIRIT

Krishnadas Rajagopal

Appointments and transfers of judges in the constitutional courts is a participatory consultative process between the Supreme Court and the government. But there is an increasing trend, if not a disturbing pattern, of the government unilaterally delaying or segregating names recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium. While the need of the hour is to fill up judicial vacancies for effective justice administration, the primacy of the Collegium to recommend names for elevation to the Supreme Court and appointments and transfers in high courts, is affected by what some legal experts term as "cherry-picking" on the part of the executive.

Constant segregation and delays

Justice Muralidhar's transfer as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court was recommended by the Collegium to the government along with the name of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal on September 28. Both names were proposed jointly in a single batch. However, the government chose to notify Justice Mithal's transfer to the Rajasthan High Court while keeping an ominous silence about Justice Muralidhar. The split in the batch had a ripple effect. The name of Justice Jaswant Singh, who was recommended to replace Justice Muralidhar as the Orissa High Court Chief Justice, was also segregated. Justice Singh's recommendation lies in limbo with the government while the other judges recommended by the Collegium in the same batch for elevation were notified by the government on October 11. The juggling of names at the government's end not only affects the primacy of the Collegium, but also impacts the seniority of a judge and even his/her prospects to be appointed to the Supreme Court. But Justice Muralidhar's case is not the first such incident. In the past, the government has unilaterally segregated names recommended by the Collegium. In 2014, the Collegium headed by then Chief Justice of India (CJI) R. M. Lodha had recommended former Solicitor General Gopal Subramanium for direct appointment to the Supreme Court Bench. The government turned down Mr. Subramanium's name while clearing the names of senior advocates such as Rohinton F. Nariman, Justices Arun Kumar Mishra and A.K. Goel. Chief Justice Lodha, in an interview to *The Hindu*, said the collegium was the "final arbiter of judicial appointments". He said segregation with the Collegium's list amounted to "tinkering". He had maintained that prior consultation with the CJI before segregation was the "integral component of the primacy of the Collegium".

The mandate of the Collegium

The Three Judges Case establishes the primacy of the Collegium, led by the CJI, in making judicial appointments. 'Chief Justice of India' here means the collective opinion of the Collegium. Giving primacy meant the 'CJI' was best equipped to know and assess the worth of a candidate for appointment as a superior judge. The executive had at best the power to act as a "mere check on the exercise of power by the Chief Justice of India, to achieve the constitutional purpose". Thus, the executive element in the appointment process was reduced to the minimum and any political influence was eliminated. It was for this reason that the word 'consultation' instead of 'concurrence' was used in the Constitution. The way out of the imbroglio would be to introduce checks through the Memorandum of Procedure (MoP) against unilateral segregation by the government. A new MoP could also bring in a clause to clear names for judicial appointments within a reasonable time to avoid delay.

THE GIST

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INBRIEF

Diamond jubilee celebrations of Ramaiah institute begin

Ramaiah Institute of Technology kickstarted its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on Sunday. The institute that started in 1962, now runs 17 undergraduate and 15 postgraduate programmes.

"Ramaiah Institute of Technology has the distinction of bagging the first rank among VTU colleges in Karnataka and obtaining a rank between 40 and 67 in NIRF ranking for the past few years continuously. In the next five years, we will be among the top 25 colleges," said M.R. Jayaram, Chairman, Gokula Education Foundation.

Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Prahlad Joshi who delivered the inaugural address appreciated the quality of education imparted at the institute and said he was happy to note that it had tie-ups with 46 industries, which will stress on practical education and research at the same time.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot participated in the event virtually.

Armed gang makes off with cash box from bakery

An armed gang barged into a bakery on Anepalya Main Road, threatened the staff and made away with the cash box on Sunday.

The entire act was recorded on CCTV cameras installed at a nearby shop.

The Ashok Nagar police rushed to the spot and registered a case of robbery. Efforts are on to track down the accused.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 17, Monday), the following explainer is available:

- Explained | Understanding the Global Hunger Index bit.ly/ghiexplainer

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'Parties must commit themselves to more empowered ward committees in manifestos'

Bengaluru Ward Samiti Balaga passed eight resolutions on ward committees at a convention on Sunday

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the High Court setting a December 31, 2022, deadline for BBMP polls in the city, a coalition of citizens' groups organised under the banner of Bengaluru Ward Samiti Balaga, pushing for more citizen participation in governance through ward committees, have now begun to put pressure on all political parties to commit themselves to more empowered ward committees.

A convention of the Balaga held on Sunday, passed eight resolutions on ward committees and demanded that all political parties must commit themselves to these resolutions in their manifestos for the upcoming civic polls. The resolutions include demand for formation of ward committees in a fair and transparent way including active citizens within three months of the formation of the new council and ward committees should be tasked with monitoring waste management, road and footpath maintenance, and oversee lakes, streetlights and other amenities in the ward. "The city budget must be set by actively involving citizens and ward-level budget allocations and details of expenditure must be published. The ward committee resolutions must be implemented. Meetings must be held on the first Saturday of every month and should be chaired by the elected corporator," the resolutions read.

Members of citizens' groups, under the banner of Bengaluru Ward Samiti Balaga, at a convention in Bengaluru on Sunday.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

These demands come in the wake of how ward committees were formed for the first time in 2018 after a fight of over 25 years. However, there have been many complaints of the committees being packed with councillor's lackeys, irregular meetings and no follow ups on the resolutions made at these meetings.

Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, who participated in the convention said he understood how citizens were frustrated with many civic issues, but requested civic groups to help the BBMP in better management of the city. "I request the citizens to monitor solid waste management, welfare of pourakarmikas, streetlights and parks and only people at the ward level know how things are working. Citizens should approach Zonal Commissioners for resolving issues," he said.

The articipants deliberated on ward committee meetings and citizens who regularly participated in the ward committee meetings shared their experiences. Various civil society organisations, NGOs, and RWAs such as Janaagraha, BPAC, Sensing Local, Changemakers of Kanakapura, Bangalore Apartments Federation (BAF), Whitefield Rising, Citizens for Bengaluru (CfB) and other groups participated in the event.

Modified Yeshasvini will run independently, but follow AB-ArK norms

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

The modified Yeshasvini health scheme that is set to be relaunched in the State on November 1 will adopt the same norms currently being followed under Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK), said officials.

Although Yeshasvini will run independently and not as an integrated scheme under AB-ArK as contemplated earlier, it will cover all 1,650 surgical procedures under AB-ArK.

The scheme earlier covered 823 surgical procedures. Moreover, the Department of Cooperation that will implement the scheme for members of cooperative societies in the State is likely to follow the same rate card for procedures fixed under AB-ArK. This is likely to make empanelment of private hospitals a challenging task as the response has been poor due to the low rates for procedures fixed by the Health Department under AB-ArK.

While Yeshasvini will not follow the system of referral from a government facility to a speciality empanelled hospital (as is being done under AB-ArK), officials said the total cashless annual cover per family has been enhanced to ₹5 lakh from ₹2.5 lakh (that was fixed during the erstwhile Yeshasvini scheme).

With the State Government notifying the guidelines for the modified Yeshasvini Scheme on Wednesday, registration of members will start from November 1 and it will become operational from January 1, 2023.

To avoid duplication

S.R. Umashankar, Principal Secretary, Cooperation Department, told *The Hindu* that stringent mechanisms are being worked out to ensure proper coverage without leaving any scope for duplication of claims under AB-ArK and Yeshasvini.

"A third party administrator (TPA) will be appointed to verify and process claims. We will follow stringent rules and if any hospital is found to raise claims of the same beneficiary under two schemes, the hospital will be de-empanelled and blacklisted. We will issue a unique identity card to beneficiaries and it is the responsibility of the TPA to verify and avoid duplications," he said. "As of now, we are planning to follow the same rates that have been fixed for various procedures under AB-ArK. Empanelment of hospitals will begin shortly. We will ensure timely payments to hospitals," he said. The earlier scheme had 550 empaneled hospitals.

Family coverage

While the earlier scheme covered spouses, dependent children and parents of a member of cooperative society, the modified scheme has limited a family unit to four persons with 20% extra premium charges for every additional member.

While a member of rural cooperative societies or SHGs will pay an annual premium of ₹500 for a family unit, members of cooperative societies in urban areas will pay a premium amount of ₹1,000 for a family unit. The government will bear the premium amount of SC/ST families. "All members of cooperative societies (both BPL and APL) will be eligible for cashless treatment whereas under AB-ArK only BPL families can avail free treatment," he said.

Isha Foundation refutes allegations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Refuting allegations made in the complaint filed against Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Isha Foundation clarified that Sadhguru handled the situation with care.

"A snake had entered the vicinity of the Isha Yoga Center in Chickballapur, during the consecration event of a Naga Deity at the center. For the safety of the snake and the people at the center, a volunteer brought it to Sadhguru's notice. Sadhguru handled it gently and then asked that it be left safely in the nearby forest," Isha Foundation said in a statement.

"The snake was not harmed, trapped or transported in any way as mentioned in the complaint. The police present at the venue were aware of this incident," it added.

"To remove any misconceptions about snakes and to promote their conservation, Sadhguru mentioned at the event that a snake is a gentle creature and should not be hurt. Sadhguru also said that snakes have unnecessarily been seen negatively, though they don't harm human beings unless attacked, as a human being is not its food. He mentioned that the number of people who die of snake bites are much lower than those who die from other causes like automobile accidents, but people have such a big fear of the snake which is totally unwarranted," the statement further said.

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O.S. NO. 1013/2019

Between
ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Registered Office at ICICI Bank Towers, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodra- 390007
And ...Plaintiff
1st Floor, Deeskha Setty Mansion, Rama Vilasa Road, Mysuru- 16
Represented By Its Authorised Representative Mr. Swamy G.K.
And
Vijikumar H.H. ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Vijikumar H.H.
Aged about 29 years,
S/o Hyranethirumale Gowda Hanumegowda, R/a #D-2250, Basaveshwara Road, 5th Cross, KR Mohalla, Mysore- 570 004

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs.4,72,105.38/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand One Hundred Five and Paises Thirty Eight Only) (as on 19/06/2019) along with interest at 18% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court in Person or by a Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on the 08/11/2022 at 11 A.M take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 13th day of November 2022.

By Order of the Court
Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge and JMFC Mysore.

Apoorvananda. K,
#32, Ground Floor, Nrupathunga Road, Kuvempu nagar, Mysore- 570023

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I, **'ADITI GOSWAMI'** d/o Anil Goswami, aged 22 years, born on 22 August 2000, residing presently at 2nd floor, 14/1, Opp. Sri Devi Bakery, 5th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Venkateshwara layout, S G Palya, Bengaluru-560029 with permanent residence at Anil Agencies Fancy Bazar, 116 Tarun Ram Phookan Road, Guwahati, Kamrup Metro, Guwahati, G.P, Assam 781001 have changed my name to **ADI GOSWAMI** and gender to MALE vide Affidavit dated 24.09.2022 before Notary C.V. Earappa, Bangalore.

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IN THE COURT OF VI ADDITIONALFIRST CIVIL JUDGE (Jr. Div) AT MYSURU
O.S. NO. 1011/2019

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Registered Office at ICICI Bank Towers, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390 007
And ...Plaintiff
1st Floor, Deeskha Setty Mansion, Rama Vilasa Road, Mysuru-16, Represented by its Authorised Representative Mr. Swamy G.K.
And
Kumaraswamy H.C.
...Defendants.

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. R.S. Vinaykumar,
S/o Halevuru Shivarudrappa Chandrashekaraiah
Aged about 41 years
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WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs.2,54,168.30/- (as on 19/06/2019) along with interest at 18% p.a and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on the 22/11/2022 at 11 A.M. take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this 13th day of October, 2022.

By Order of the Court
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The shape of 'Elon Musk vs Twitter' story: how the saga unfolded

As the Tesla CEO turns into a perfume salesman to buy the giant micro-blogging site, the latter's investors are still waiting to see if they cornered a good deal at $52.40 per share, or whether the billionaire will have the last laugh by leaving behind a $1 billion cheque

John Xavier

The late American novelist Kurt Vonnegut, in a lecture at Case Western Reserve University, explained that stories have a shape. In the session titled 'Shape of stories', he draws a straight line from top to bottom on the margin of a board, and then marks the top end as 'G' – meaning good fortune, and the bottom as 'I' – meaning ill fortune. And then, from the middle of that line, he draws a horizontal line –'B' for beginning, and 'E' of end of the story.

Using the graph, Vonnegut jokingly notes the method as a scientific way to write stories that could be fed into a computer, which in turn could push out a desired output. He roughly sketches eight story formats on the system involving the two axes. The shapes largely follow a pattern of an average start going bad, and finally ending well – like a reverse S-shaped curve on the X-axis. The essence of each of these patterns is in the flow of the story. And if the story of Elon Musk vs Twitter were plotted on Vonnegut's graph, the system could possibly develop a brand-new shape. Let's go to the starting point, or point B in Vonnegut's graph, to see how things unfolded just a few months before things heated up between the world's richest man and the micro-blogging site.

Musk's Point 'B'

In November 2021, the CEO of Tesla tweeted a survey asking his roughly 62 million followers (at that time) whether he should sell 10% of his shares in the car company. Over 3.5 million users participated and nearly two-thirds voted in favour of the share sale. The tweet came after some U.S. lawmakers proposed taxing billionaires. At that point, the Tesla CEO faced a tax bill of nearly $15 billion, and some of his stock options were due to expire. Therefore, he was going to sell the shares anyway, with or without the Twitter survey. Still, the tweet had an impact.

The following Monday, Tesla shares fell. The tweet, and the share price drop did not go well with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which had previously, in 2018, ordered Musk to get his tweets approved by a lawyer. The regulator opened a new investigation into this tweet to check whether Musk complied with the 2018 agreement. The regulator later revealed details of the probe on March 22, 2022 in response to a motion filed by Musk's attorney asking a Manhattan federal judge to scrap the 2018 agreement, including pre-approval of Musk's tweets by a lawyer.

After rejecting an offer to join Twitter's board, Musk made an open offer to buy the company for $44 billion at $54.20 a share

And while the drama around the November 2021 tweet unfolded, Musk gradually built his stake at Twitter. On January 31 he bought a little over half million shares at $36.83 apiece. And since then, on nearly every single trading day, through April 1, he bought million more shares of the company.

Twitter's Point 'B'

Around the time when Musk posted his survey tweet, Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey was running Square and Twitter. Investors questioned his management style and were worried that he was stretched too thin by his roles at both companies. A year earlier, activist investment fund Elliott Management had sought to remove Dorsey as CEO of the company. Finally, Dorsey capitulated in November 2021, and made way for Parag Agrawal to take over the reins of the social media company. Twitter's shares rose. As Dorsey was exiting, and just as Agrawal was gradually settling into his new role, the issue of censorship and content moderation on Twitter started to gain momentum.

The Tesla CEO was one of the vocal critiques of the company and its policy on content moderation. He began posting his views more frequently and vocally with surveys on whether the platform should or should not censor content.

The plot thickens

On March 25, the Tesla CEO tweeted a survey asking whether Twitter "rigourously" adhered to the principles of free speech. A month later, after rejecting an offer to join Twitter's board, Musk made an open offer to buy the company for $44 billion at $54.20 a share. Twitter's board resisted Musk's offer by evoking a "poison pill" provision to stop the Tesla CEO from forcibly taking over the platform. Twitter then had a change of heart around the time when Musk raised the issue of bots and spam accounts on the platform. He then asked the company to show proof that spam accounts were fewer than 5% of its total users. He also requested the company to share the necessary data with his team to verify the same. But the company replied that a calculation of such accounts could not be performed externally because it would require them to share private information. Twitter employs human reviewers to manually examine accounts at random, and these reviewers verify accounts based on a combination of private and public data. Accusing the company of withholding data on spam accounts, Musk said he was terminating the deal. In response, Twitter sued the world's richest man in order to force him to close the deal.

The story's denouement

Just before the case was all set to go on a five-day trial on October 17 in Delaware Chancery court, Musk had a change of heart. On October 4, the billionaire offered to close the deal as originally agreed upon and requested the court to delay the hearing. The change gets him about 10 days as the hearing is postponed to October 28. This means that Musk has to close the transaction against the backdrop of a difficult debt market.

Twitter sees Musk's final offer to close the deal as a shift in the original terms as he is making the closing contingent on the debt financing coming through. Twitter does not see this as a necessary condition to complete a merger deal which was signed in April.

The company also sees the possibility of Musk walking away from the deal if the debt financing falls through. In such a scenario, Musk may end up paying a $1bn termination fee. And, there is, of course, the possibility of an out-of-court settlement between the two parties. This could keep important records from coming up in public view as part of the five-day trial. Even as Twitter users, employees and investors wait and watch how these scenarios play out, Musk has turned into a perfume salesman on the micro-blogging site.

To his 100 million followers, he tweeted on Thursday, "Please buy my perfume so I can buy Twitter." This switch blends two of Vonnegut's story shapes, possibly into a new one. The late satirist plots Franz Kafka's *Metamorphosis* lead character at the lower end and moves it out down into infinity after the man becomes an insect.

Perhaps, by the end of October, Twitter investors will know if they cornered a good deal at $52.40 per share, or whether the billionaire walked off leaving a $1 billion cheque. Either way, the past few weeks have been good for the company. Its stock price has jumped roughly 19% since October 3.

KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

He is taking me sightseeing tomorrow

I have come here for a break from my job. It is looking more and more like a cul-de-sac. I might quit

S. Upendran

What is the meaning of 'cul-de-sac'? (L. Mukund, Vellore)

Before dealing with the meaning, let us talk about the pronunciation. The first syllable rhymes with 'dull', 'null' and 'gull', while the vowel in the following syllable sounds like the 'a' in 'china'. The final 'sac' is pronounced like the word 'sack'. This French expression is pronounced 'KUL-de-sack' with the stress on the first syllable. The expression was first used in anatomy to mean 'bottom of the sack': cul (bottom), de (of), sac (bag, sack). Nowadays, the expression is mostly used to refer to a street that is closed at one end; in other words, it is a dead-end street, there is only one way in and out.

We live at the end of a cul-de-sac. We don't hear too much traffic noise.

Some of the parents bring their children to play in the cul-de-sac.

The expression is also used in a figurative sense. If you feel that your job is a cul-de-sac, what you are implying is that your job is not leading you anywhere – you have reached a dead end, and therefore, must quit – it is impossible to move on or make progress given the current situation. It is one from which there is no escape.

Is it okay to say, "The children will be going for sightseeing tomorrow"? (S. Jayanthi, Chennai)

When we are on vacation, we often hear people saying that they are going 'for sightseeing' the following day. Careful users of the language, however, would argue that the sentence is ungrammatical. They would contend that one generally 'goes sightseeing' and not 'goes for sightseeing'. The 'for' is not used before sightseeing. Similarly, one 'takes someone sightseeing' and not 'takes someone for sightseeing'.

Shekar took me sightseeing on all the three days that I was in Sikkim.

How is the word 'xocolataphobia' pronounced? (R. K. Gayathri, Kochi)

The first two syllables are pronounced the same way – 'co' and 'co'. In other words, the 'x' in the first syllable, and the 'c' in the second, sound like the 'k' in 'kiss', 'kill' and 'kit'. The first two syllables sound like the word 'cocoa'. The third syllable, 'la', is pronounced like the word 'lay', while the 'a' in the following syllable sounds like the 'a' in 'china'. The word is pronounced 'ko-ko-lay-te-FOE-bi-ya' with the stress on the fifth syllable. Believe it or not, 'xocolataphobia' is the irrational fear of chocolate! Yes, there are people who are scared of chocolate! This relatively new word has been part of the English language since the first decade of the present century. According to some experts, the Spanish word for 'chocolate' comes from the Nahuatl 'xococ' meaning 'bitter' and 'atl' meaning water.

Please make sure there's no chocolate for dessert. Manu has xocolataphobia.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

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A capital city holds the primary status in a country or state. It usually hosts the seat of the government. A quiz on world capital cities

QUESTION 1

One of the two capitals of this American country located at 11,942 feet is considered the highest capital city in the world. Name the city and the country.

QUESTION 2

The local name for this Asian capital city is Krung Thep Maha Nakhon. What is the more common name?

QUESTION 3

On December 12, 1911, George V proclaimed the shifting of the capital of India from Calcutta to Delhi. In which month and year was New Delhi inaugurated as the nation's capital?

QUESTION 4

What connects Monaco, Mexico, Djibouti and São Tomé and Príncipe?

QUESTION 5

In the late 1890s, the British, as part of the rebuilding of which African capital city, designed the layout of the streets in the shape of the Union Jack?

Visual question:

In which capital can one see this iconic structure? AP

Questions and Answers to the October 14 edition of the daily quiz: 1. This party's election symbol is an elephant. **Ans: Bahujan Samaj Party**

2. This party's election symbol is intended to signify the "rising" spirit of the Dravidian people. **Ans: Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam; rising sun**

3. This party is the second oldest in India after the Indian National Congress. **Ans: Shiromani Akali Dal**

4. This party was founded in 2006 by Raj Thackeray. **Ans: Maharashtra Navnirman Sena**

5. This party was established by a former member of the Congress, who served for over 26 years before she quit. **Ans: Trinamool Congress by Mamata Banerjee**

6. *People's Democracy* and *Theekkathir* are newspapers circulated by this party. **Ans: Communist Party of India (Marxist)**

7. The Bharatiya Janata Party broke away from this parent party in 1980 to become independent. **Ans: Bharatiya Jana Sangh**

Visual: This flag represents this party. **Ans: Samajwadi Party**

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Word of the day

Imbroglio:
an intricate and confusing interpersonal or political situation

Synonyms: embroilment

Usage: *The budget imbroglio seems to be escalating*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/imbrogliopro

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By 2030, this air ambulance could save many more lives

IISc's two ongoing air mobility projects could transform healthcare significantly

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

The concept of Aero108, an air ambulance which is being developed by ARTPARK. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

AI and Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) a not-for-profit foundation promoted by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has embarked on two air mobility projects which could transform healthcare in a major way.

One of them is the development of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) for human organ transportation and the other an ambitious air ambulance named 'Aero108' capable of carrying one patient, one operator, one paramedic (humanoid) and life support systems for the patient. The vehicle can also be used to transport up to 350 kg of useful cargo.

For organ transport

To start with, a team in ARTPARK is working on developing a UAV which will enable quick human organ transport.

"When we have to transport human organs there is a specific time within which they are viable for transplant. There are organ retrieval hospitals and organ transplantation hospitals. What we are going to do is to connect them through a network of aerial vehicles," said Ansar H. Lone, technical lead-Aircraft Systems Engineering, ARTPARK.

He added that once the organs are retrieved they can be transported to a place where it has to be transplanted to a patient.

"Äpart from cutting a significant amount of time, by using these UAV's we will be able to cover over 200 km in one sortie with a speed of 100 Km/h. This project is currently under development. We are to begin manufacture of the prototype by the end of this year and start testing by the mid of 2023," he added.

Air ambulance

The second project is to develop an autonomous air ambulance named Aero108 which can carry two people including the patient and a humanoid who will be playing the role of a paramedic.

According to ARTPARK, Aero 108 will be equipped with state of the art instruments and it can carry out autonomous operations besides having an interactive technology that will connect patients and medical staff even when separated by vast distances. It added that the Aero108s will be monitored by controlled centre hubs located in various parts of the country. These stations will route the nearest Aero108 to the location of the emergency.

"The Air Ambulance will carry one patient, one operator, one paramedic and life support systems for the patient. The air ambulances will either be at the hospitals or may be a hub. They will take off from there and go to the location where there is an emergency, pickup the patient, and land in the hospital," said Mr. Lone.

42,000 avoidable deaths

Umakant Soni, co-founder and CEO, ARTPARK, said that as per data available, about 42,000 people die each day in India because they are unable to reach emergency services. "Forget about the villages, even in a place like Bengaluru people are not able to access good hospitals in times of emergency as ambulances are stuck in traffic," Mr. Soni said.

Mr. Soni added that this is a very complex and highly challenging project.

"So this is a 10 year moonshot. We are planning to develop this technology by 2030. This is a very complex project as it is not easy to execute because of all of these complex technologies and you require maturation of all these technologies. Even developing the basic airframe is a challenge and then you need the hybrid propulsion system which initially would be with gasoline and eventually will be with hydrogen," he added.

Conman arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chickballapur police on Sunday arrested a man who used to cheat people on the pretext of helping them withdraw cash from ATMs.

The accused N. Sagar, 29, a factory employee from Bhadravathi, was arrested while he was moving suspiciously at the Canara bank ATM in Chickballapur town. The police recovered three ATM cards from his pocket and ₹1.45 lakh in cash from him and a detailed questioning led him to confess to the crime.

BMTC sells old fleet to NWKRTC at ₹1L per bus

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has started sending old buses that are in 'good condition' to North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC). The BMTC has charged ₹1 lakh per bus. Of the 100 buses, 25 have already been sent to Hubballi, the rest will be sent in a phased manner.

Director (IT) of BMTC A.V. Surya Sen said, "After receiving a request from the NWKRTC, the matter was placed before the board. The board had taken a decision to charge ₹1 lakh per bus and provide 100 buses. These buses have operated in the city limits for a distance of 8.5 lakh to 9.5 lakh km and vehicles are in good condition." The NWKRTC had initially asked the BMTC to provide buses free of cost.

Financial distress

Like other transport corporations in the country, the NWKRTC too faced financial distress during the pandemic and steep rise in operational costs that include rising fuel prices, which forced it to postpone induction of new buses and instead explore other options.

The MD of the NWKRTC Bharath S. said, "Our technical staff inspected the buses before purchasing them from the BMTC. These are not very old buses and are fit to be operated on the road. The 25 buses that we have already received are being used for city transportation in Hubballi, the remaining will be used in Dharwad, Belagavi and other areas. We are procuring old buses from the BMTC not for long-term purposes. These are temporary arrangements. Process is on to induct new buses; the State government has been approached seeking permission to expand the fleet size."

No new routes operated in the city

Shortage of drivers has crippled BMTC operations. The corporation is not in a position to run schedules or introduce buses on new routes in the city.

The BMTC has a fleet size of over 6,700 buses but due to shortage of over 5,000 drivers, operations of buses is limited to 5,600 buses. The officials say though there is scope to run 800 to 900 more buses, staff shortage has become a big hurdle.

"The State government has directed us to hire the services of drivers on an outsourcing basis. We are in process to float the tender for the same," said an official.

They added, "There has been a demand from the public to run more buses on certain routes that have more demand or introduce new routes that include the outskirts of the city. We are not in a position to consider them because of the shortage of drivers," added the official.

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Accident victims were minutes away from home

The residents of Doddenahalli, Salapura, and Banavara – all members of an extended family – were returning after a visit to the pilgrimage centre of Dharmasthala in Dakshina Kannada when the TT in which they were travelling had a head-on collision with a milk tanker coming from the opposite direction; among the victims were a mother and two children who lost their father a year ago

Sathish G.T.
ARSIKERE (HASSAN)

After a day-long hectic journey on Saturday, they would have reached their places in a few minutes. Their journey was cut short a few minutes away from their homes. An accident involving three vehicles left nine, including a toddler, dead on the spot and 12 injured.

The residents of Doddenahalli, Salapura, and Banavara - all members of an extended family - were returning home after a visit to the pilgrimage centre of Dharmasthala in Dakshina Kannada district when they met with the accident. The Tempo Traveller (TT) they were travelling by was crushed between a KSRTC bus and a milk tanker near Cheluvanahalli on National Highway 206 in Arsikere taluk.

The TT was heading towards Banavara from Arsikere around 11 p.m., when it had a head-on collision with a milk tanker coming from the opposite direction. Within seconds, the KSRTC bus travelling towards Shivamogga from Bengaluru hit the TT from behind. As a result, the TT was stuck between two heavy vehicles. The vehicle has been mangled beyond recognition. The widening of the highway has been going on. The milk tanker was on the wrong lane, as the driver had not taken a diversion about a kilometre before the accident spot, despite traffic signals. Naveen, the driver of the tanker, fled the place soon after the accident. The police arrested him on Sunday.

The deceased

There were 16 members, including children, in the TT. The deceased are Doddaiah, 60, his wife Bharathi, 50, Doddaiah's sister-in-law Leelavathi, 50, her grandchildren Dhruva, 2, Tanmayi, 10, Doddaiah's niece Chaitra, 33, Chaitra's children Samarth, 10, Srushti, 12, and their another relative Vandana, 20.

Chaitra had lost her husband Srinivas a year ago during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now she and her children died. She had got a job in KSRTC following her husband's death on compassionate grounds. It is said she was about to report to duty next week. Dhruva and Tanmayi are children of Manjula and Santhosh. Manjula is seriously injured in the incident. Santhosh had not joined his family for the trip. Doddaiah's son Shashi, who was driving the TT, has been admitted to a hospital in Bengaluru for treatment.

The mangled remains of the Tempo Traveller near Cheluvanahalli on National Highway 206 in Arsikere taluk. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The bodies were shifted to the taluk hospital in Arsikere soon after the accident. They were then handed over to their family members after post-mortem on Sunday. Doddaiah, Bharati, Leelavathi, and Vandana were cremated at Salapura village. The final rites of Chaitra, Samarth and Srushti were held at Banavara. And, the final rites of Tanmayi and Dhruva were held at Doddenahalli.

Hundreds of relatives and friends had gathered at the cremation and they were inconsolable. "Chaitra had called me around 10.30 p.m. saying that she would be home in 15 minutes. But, today we could see only her body. None of her family members is alive now," said one of Chaitra's relatives.

Senior police officers, including Superintendent of Police Hariram Shankar, visited the spot on Saturday night and shifted the injured to hospitals. A team of Muslim youths, who were taking part in a religious event in Arsikere, rushed to the accident spot and arranged for private vehicles to shift the injured to hospital.

Their service was appreciated by relatives of the dead, who had gathered at the mortuary in Arsikere.

Excise Minister K. Gopalaiah, Arsikere MLA K.M. Shivalinge Gowda, and others visited the families of the dead and conveyed their condolences.

Compensation

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai who condoled the death of the nine persons announced a compensation of ₹2 lakh each for the families of the deceased.

He was speaking at Ambigarahalli helipad, where he had arrived to take part in the Kumbha Mela on Sunday. He said he had sought information from officials regarding the accident and had directed that the injured be shifted to hospitals for treatment.

CORRIDORS OF POWER

Minister's new 'vesha'

Minister for Medical Education and Health and Family Welfare K. Sudhakar (*in picture*), hailing from Chickballapur, may have no cultural links with coastal Karnataka and its culture, but he seemed to be in awe of it during his recent visit to Bhatkal in Uttara Kannada.

The Minister, who visited the guesthouse of Bhatkal MLA Sunil Naika, where the legislator had arranged a Yakshagana performance "Bheeshma Vijaya", was clearly quite overwhelmed by the vibrant art form. So much so that Minister for Social and Backward Classes Welfare Kota Srinivasa Poojary suggested that Dr. Sudhakar try out the make up and "vesha" (costume) of Yakshagana. Other professional Yakshagana performers ensured that Dr. Sudhakar donned the 'Pagade Kireeta' vesha. Some of them posed for photographs with the new 'avatar' of the Minister who watched the performance completely. He also felicitated senior Yakshagana performers on the occasion.

On earlier occasions, politicians like M. Veerappa Moily and the late Oscar Fernandes had performed Yakshagana, but both hailed from the coastal region.

Later Dr. Sudhakar tweeted that the coastal tour is not complete without watching Yakshagana which is an integral part of people's life in Tulu Nadu. The Minister said that he was fortunate to get a chance to wear the vesha of a "spiritual art."

Interestingly, on the same day at Kota in Udupi district, actor Ramesh Arvind too posed in Yakshagana attire after receiving the Karantha Huttura Prashasthi instituted in memory of Jnanpith awardee Kota Shivaram Karanth.

A lot of advice

B.L. Santhosh, the BJP national organising secretary, spent two days in Belagavi recently and had wide ranging advises to give in the events he attended. One day, he attended Dhol Tashaa, a cultural programme where he was given a Shahi Swagat (royal welcome) by the trumpet blowers. Dhol Tashaa is a five-day event during Navaratri where drums are beaten to Marathi folk and spiritual songs. Mr. Santosh had a rather unusual word of advice for youngsters. there. He asked them to watch *Kantara*, a superhit Kannada movie by Rishab Shetty set in coastal Karnataka, as it had "correctly portrayed folk culture and native cultural practices." Mr. Santhosh too hails from the region. The BJP strongman with a Sangh Parivar background later addressed party workers in Angadi Engineering College. He began with a lecture on the glorious traditions of India and ended by advising the workers to build the party on ideological lines and not by being followers of any leader. "You should never address any party leader as 'Sahukar' or 'Anna' or 'Appa'. Also, don't fall at the feet of undeserving people just because they are in powerful posts. You should always be loyal to the party ideology and not any individual," he said. From what films to watch to how to address leaders, he certainly covered a wide range.

RAVIPRASAD KAMILA
RISHIKESH BAHADUR DESAI

Will yatra give fillip to Cong. ahead of 2023 polls?

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

It has been the season of padayatra and rallies over the last fortnight in Karnataka. While the Opposition Congress has called Bharat Jodo Yatra led by its former president Rahul Gandhi a "mega success", the BJP dubbed it a "washout", making light of Mr. Gandhi's address in Mysuru in heavy downpour which went viral on social media.

Wearing a T-shirt and sneakers, Mr. Gandhi walked nearly 500 km in Karnataka, and visited temples, churches and mosques, handloom units and tasted raw sugarcane. He hugged thousands from all walks of life and all ages along the way. He received hundreds of garlands during the day-long yatra. Congress leaders also celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and Dasara during the Mysuru leg of the yatra.

25-km a day

After a light exercise and breakfast, he walked 25 km a day on the hot, bituminous road and sometimes braved hot sun and showers. As he travelled across seven districts of Karnataka, he spoke on multiple issues, largely targeting the Basavaraj Bommai-led government on the "40% corruption" allegation.

With the State Assembly elections scheduled early next year and having no choice, prominent State Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar walked along with Mr. Gandhi, almost all day, apparently to downplay their simmering differences. Many legislators and party leaders – those from the grassroots and those from Delhi's power corridors – put their best foot forward along with the Wayanad MP.

AICC president Sonia Gandhi too provided moral support to her son, though it was for a couple of hours. Swaraj India leader Yogendra Yadav, who wrote the party's obituary after 2019, supported the yatra with an objective of what he called "protecting India's republic."

While the walk seems to have rendered many Karnataka leaders more fit, its political fallout is now being keenly watched.

Spontaneous response

The yatra received spontaneous response from the public. Political pundits say that it galvanised the cadre and lifted the spirit of workers at all levels. His unpretentious approach as he mingled with farmers, daily wagers, factory workers, shopkeepers, women and children was well received, say leaders.

Political expert P.S. Jayaramu said, "Yatra is most likely to be an energising force to the Congress. The public reception seems to be spontaneous. The BJP leadership is rattled."

On a daily basis, the BJP leaders took jibes at the yatra. Leading from the front, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai labelled the Congress a "bail party" and said that "fake Gandhis" made charges of corruption against his government. They took exception to Mr. Gandhi's criticism of RSS and Hindutva outfits.

Mr. Gandhi, who set up a 150-day yatra to cover 3,500 km, is set to miss the campaign in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh elections scheduled to be held in December. With the BJP hoping to do well in both States, political debates after the poll results might question the impact of the yatra.

Main show

In Karnataka, there is no doubt that the yatra created political ripples.However, will it help to achieve electoral success in the 2023 Assembly elections is the question on everybody's mind.

Will the State leaders give up their factional feuds after the yatra is the big question, the answer to which is yet elusive.

Seer appointed

Special Correspondent
HUBBALLI

Sri Basavaprabhu Swami of Virakta Mutt Davangere has been appointed as the new seer of Murugha Mutt to take care of the mutt's rituals and activities. The appointment has been made by the Chairman of the mutt trust Shivamurthty Murugha Sharanaru, who is remanded in judicial custody, the mutt has said in a press release.

The appointment is for a temporary period.

Two Bharat Jodo Yatris suffer shock in Ballari

The Hindu Bureau
BALLARI

In minor accident, two Bharat Jodo Yatris suffered a minor shock after they came in contact with a live electricity wire while waving a Congress flag tied to a rod at Moka village in Ballari district on Sunday.

They were immediately rushed to a local hospital in New Moka. Hospital sources said the patients were fine as they had not suffered any major injuries. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who was leading the Bharat Jodo Yatra, met the patients in the hospital.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (ONLY THROUGH "e-Procurement" SYSTEM)

Tenders have been invited for construction of Roads and Drains under SCP-TSP scheme of Shirahatti constituency coming under juridiction Singatalur Lift Irrigation Division vide ref (1) (Indent No- 34232) and vide ref (2) (Indent No- 34233) and the bids need to be submitted through "e-Procurement" Portal. Further the details regarding Name of work, Amount put to tender, EMD and other conditions shall be obtained from the undersigned and the bidders can download the tender documents from website **"eproc.karnataka.gov.in"** from **13.10.2022** and bids shall be submitted through e-portal only. The last date for submission of the bids is **27.10.2022.** Further information can be obtained from Executive Engineer, KNNL, Singatalur Lift Irrigation Scheme Division No1, Mundaragi during office hours. Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, Singatalur Lift Irrigation Scheme Division No1,
DIPR/GDG/373/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY **Mundaragi, Gadag Dist.,**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is represented state that under the instructuion from my client Sri **K.P.Chamapakadhama Swamy**, S/o K.S. Puttaswamy Residing at No.at NO.291, 1ST A' main Road, 2nd stage, West of cord Road, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore 560086, ('**Owner**') that the below mentioned original documents pertaining to the Schedule Property has been lost/misplaced: **1.** Mortgage Deed in fovourof Bank of Mysore Limited, Bangalore, vide Document dated 06/09/1941, No. 13/41-42, Book No. 1, Volume 66, at Pages 188 to 193, in the Office of the District Registrar, Bangalore District. **2.** Sale Deed executed by Bank of Mysore Limited, Bangalore, in favour B. Nanjundappa son of Sri. VoodedaBanappa, and Sri. V. Giriyappa son of Sri. Anekal Venkatappa registered dated 03/01/1945, vide Document No.1908/1944-45, Volume 716, Book No. 1 at Pages 15 to 19, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore. **3.** Sale Deed executed by Sri. B. Nanjundappa, son of Sri. VoodedaBanappa, and Sri. V. Giriyappa son of Sri. Anekal Venkatappa, in favourof Sri. Changaiah Naidu Son of Sri. Channaiah Naidu registered dated 15/01/1958, vide Document No.3520/1957-58, Volume 1628, Book No. 1 at Pages 215 to 216, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore. **4.** Sale Deed executed by Sri. Changaiah Naidu Son of Sri. Channaiah Naidu, in favour of Sri. P. Muniyappa, son of Sri. ChikkaPuttaiah registered dated 15/01/1958, vide Document No.3544/1957-58, Volume 1628, Book No. 1 at Pages 228 to 229, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore. **5.** Sale Deed executed by Sri. P. Muniyappa, son of Sri. ChikkaPuttaiah in favour of Sri. G. Rangappa, son of Sri. Gangappa, registered dated 14/02/1959, vide Document No.4390/1959-60, Volume 1706, at Pages 35 to 37, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North. **6.** Sale Deed executed by Sri. G. Rangappa, son of Sri. Gangappa, in favour of Sri. Puttaiah, son of Sri. Channappa, registered dated 27/01/1971, vide Document No.4281/1970-71, Book No. 1, Volume 2292, at Pages 137 to 139, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar. **7.** Adoption Deed executed by Sri. K.S. Puttaswamy and Smt. Channamma, in favour of Sri. Puttaiah, son of Sri. Channappa, registered dated 25/06/1977, vide Document No.3/1977-78, Book No. 4, Volume 15, at Pages 49 to 51, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala, Bangalore District. **8.** Deed of Will executed by Sri. Puttaiah, son of Sri. Channappa, in favour of Sri. K.P. Champakadhamaswamy, son of Sri. K.S. Puttaswamy and Smt. Channamma, registered dated 30/09/1978, vide Document No.33/1978-79, Book No. 3, Volume 15, at Pages 162 to 169, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala, Bangalore District. **9.** Other relevant Documents pertaining to the said property.

It is further represented that they have not mortgaged nor have created any lien or encumbered the Schedule Property in any manner. Any person/s found in possession of the aforesaid original documents shall return the same to the undersigned or lodge their claims with documentary evidence **within ten (10) days** from the date of this notice.

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All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Site No. 5, 8th Cross, Nagappa Street, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore – 560003, Measuring East to west 30 feet and North to South 40 feet total all measuring 1200 Sq Feet and composite property is bounded on the:- **East by** : Channamma's Property **west by** : Vasan Property **North by** : Road **South by** : Ramaiah Property

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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDERS
(Only Through e-procurement Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Agencies for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru-560009.

Sl No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender EMD (In Rs.)	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
1	South-1	BWSSB/EES-1/TO/AE/1455/ 2022-23 Date: 14.10.2022	Rs. 71,10,935.94 / Rs. 1,43,000/-	29.10.2022 upto 4.00 pm	31.10.2022 after 3.00 pm
2		BWSSB/EES-1/TO/AE/1456/ 2022-23 Date: 14.10.2022	Rs. 56,40,514.92 / Rs. 1,13,000/-		
3		BWSSB/EES-1/TO/AE/1457/ 2022-23 Date: 14.10.2022	Rs. 35,51,479.19 / Rs. 71,200/-		
4		BWSSB/EES-1/TO/AE/1458/ 2022-23 Date: 14.10.2022	Rs. 61,75,519.7 / Rs. 1,24,000/-		
5		BWSSB/EES-1/AE/1459/ 2022-23 Date: 14.10.2022	Rs. 48,87,912/- / Rs. 98,000/-		
6		BWSSB/EES-1/AE/1460/ 2022-23 Date: 14.10.2022	Rs. 48,61,307/- / Rs. 97,500/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South)-1

The Details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.
DIPR/CP/2631/Zenkar/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 908/BGK/Tr(W&M)/SEE/EE (O)/AEE-1/ F-53/4409-17 Date: 14.10.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites tender for the following works. **Bid Enquiry No:** KPTCL/BGK/PT/TODALABAGI-2/2022-23/10/CALL-2 Tender for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of faulty Power Transformer of rating 10MVA, 110/11kV, Voltamp make, Sl.No. JN-8150/8 year of manufacture 2003 lying at **110/11kV Substation Todalabagi** in Jamakhandi Taluk, Bagalkot District on total turnkey and percentage basis.

The tenders will be received through e-procurement mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "e-procurement-KPTCL" or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 17.10.2022.** Other details can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele)., Transmission (W&M) Circle,
KPTCL, Opposite Sector No: 45, Zonal Office Complex,
Navanagara, Bagalkot - 587103. Ph.: 08354-236032 & 236029

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OM SHANTHI

Mr. K. Balasubramanian
(Retd. Southern Railways)
D.O.B : 24.05.1933 - D.O.D : 15.10.2022
Beloved and Kind Husband,
Father and Grandfather.
Wife - Mrs. B. Saroja
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Mrs. Vidya Muralidharan & Mr. Muralidharan
Mrs. Uma Seshan & Mr. Ram Seshan
Mrs. Subha Shetty & Mr. Prashanth Shetty
Grandchildren
Pradyumna, Maha, Rasika, Sathvi & Vidhur
subha.shetty@gmail.com / +91 90525 21409

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

I st Year Death Anniversary

Mr. V. CHAKRAPANI
Chartered Accountant - fondly known as **"Chimpo"**.
1952-2021
You are beside us everyday. Unseen, Unheard, but always near.
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INBRIEF

Daya Bai to continue protest in spite Ministers' promises

The Kerala government on Sunday expressed its willingness to meet the demands made by social activist Daya Bai who is on a hunger strike in the State capital seeking relief for the endosulfan victims of Kasaragod. However, the 81-year-old activist has not called off the strike, although Health Minister Veena George and Higher Education Minister R. Bindu met her and the action council leaders with assurances that the demands would be met.

Rain havoc: Funds to be released for repair works

On the recent rains and the havoc caused by the inclement weather in Mandya, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that heavy and unprecedented rains have lashed across the State. Funds will be released to take up emergency works as well as long-term projects and suitable directions have been issued in this regard, he added.

'Details of corruption by Cong. will be sent to Rahul'

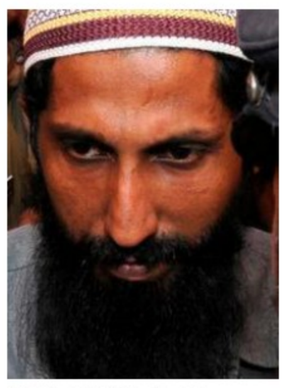
Reacting to former AICC president Rahul Gandhi's statement that only people having money will get jobs in Karnataka, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said details of corruption during the Congress regime will be sent to him. Talking to reporters at Ambigrama Helipad in K.R. Pet, he said either Mr. Gandhi may be having selective amnesia or the State Congress leaders have not have briefed him. The amount of corruption in recruitment that took place during the Congress regime has never happened in any other State, he alleged.

NIA court discharges five persons in explosives case

No direct evidence to link the explosives with Thadiyantavide Nazeer, Sharafuddeen and 3 others; proceeding with the case, which lacks any material score, is waste of judicial time, says court

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Thadiyantavide Nazeer and Sharafuddeen, the two accused in the Bangalore blast cases, and three others were discharged in a case related to the alleged illegal possession of explosive substances from Kannur by the Kochi Special Court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA).



Thadiyantavide Nazeer

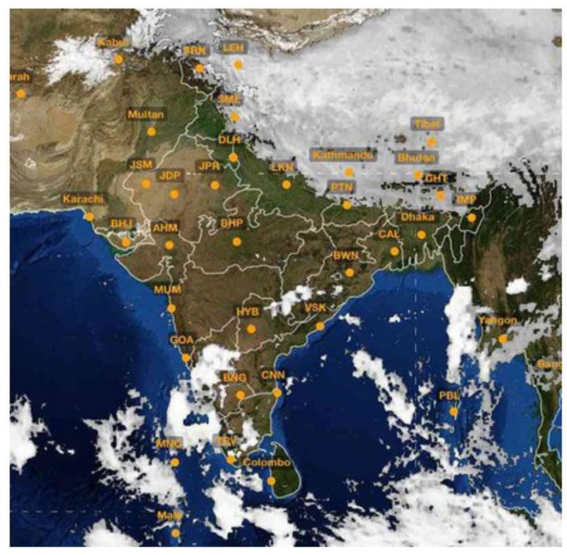
Issuing the order, the Special Judge K. Kamanees noted that the accused were entitled for discharge as there was no evidence to show that any of the accused persons ever had any connection with the possession of the material. Though the accused were represented by lawyers in the court, they did not argue on framing charges. However, the court on itself inspected the records and ordered the discharge.

The prosecution case was that the accused persons, in furtherance of their common intention to cause explosions across the country, had illegally possessed the explosive substance and hid it in the property abutting the house of Fayaroose, the fifth accused, in Chembulod grama panchayat, in Kannur. The explosive materials were found out by a police team in 2009.

There was no direct evidence to show that the explosive substances recovered by the police in the case were dealt with by any of the accused persons. No records were also available to substantiate the argument. Proceeding with a case, which lacked any material to connect the accused on any score will only entail waste of judicial time, the court held.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Monday: Heavy rainfall at isolated places likely over Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Madhya Maharashtra, Konkan, Goa, South Interior Karnataka, Kerala, Mahe, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Squally weather likely over Lakshadweep-Maldives-Comorin area and southeast Arabian Sea

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.0	22.5	Kozhikode	—	32.8	25.8
Ahmedabad	—	35.8	20.1	Kurnool	18.0	34.3	23.6
Aizawl	—	—	21.8	Lucknow	—	31.5	19.3
Allahabad	—	—	20.2	Madurai	7.0	33.7	24.0
Bengaluru	35.0	29.0	20.1	Mangaluru	0.6	29.4	24.0
Bhopal	—	30.3	15.6	Mumbai	—	31.4	25.4
Bhubaneswar	—	32.7	24.8	Mysuru	32.0	31.0	21.0
Chandigarh	—	32.0	18.1	New Delhi	—	32.1	18.4
Chennai	7.0	32.4	24.9	Patna	—	32.4	20.8
Coimbatore	3.0	32.0	22.6	Port Blair	—	30.8	24.6
Dehradun	—	31.5	16.6	Puducherry	—	33.2	25.4
Gangtok	—	21.4	13.6	Pune	—	28.1	20.4
Goa	—	32.8	24.6	Raipur	1.4	32.4	24.5
Guwahati	—	32.8	22.4	Ranchi	—	27.2	21.0
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	—	25.3	15.0
Hyderabad	11.0	27.4	20.9	Shimla	—	22.2	12.6
Imphal	—	30.7	17.7	Srinagar	—	26.2	7.2
Jaipur	—	32.5	19.7	Thiruvananthapuram	41.0	31.7	23.9
Kochi	9.0	30.6	23.8	Tiruchi	4.0	33.5	24.6
Kohima	—	23.4	14.7	Vijayawada	25.0	31.6	24.6
Kolkata	—	34.0	25.2	Visakhapatnam	31.0	32.9	25.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.91	129	..—	...161	...221	
Bengaluru	...2	..40	.20	47	43	
Chennai	...7	..21	.85	21	20	
Delhi	.23	126	.15	...318	...425	
Hyderabad	.13	3	103	37	.....—	
Kolkata	.11	..24	.27	75	81	
Lucknow	...8	..48	.42	...112	...116	
Mumbai	...8	.91	.62	...182	...213	
Pune	..—	..20	.59	.....—	.....—	
Visakhapatnam	.29	..23	.12	19	29	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Dharuhera, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 345 indicating a poor level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Delay doesn't mean there will be no exemption for T.N. from NEET: Stalin

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chief Minister and DMK president M.K. Stalin said on Sunday that he still hoped Tamil Nadu would be exempted from NEET.

"Do not come to the conclusion that it will not happen because there is a delay. The BJP is inflicting social injustice and the party would be taught a lesson in the [2024] Lok Sabha election," he said at a recorded question and answer session 'Ungalil Oruvan'.

Mr. Stalin said the DMK's goal was to win all 40 Lok Sabha seats in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry in 2024. "There should be a government at the Centre which will have faith in federalism and social justice. We will make efforts to achieve it at the time of elections."

Reiterating that affinity between party workers was as important as ideology and principles, he said he had stressed the importance of camaraderie and ideology while speaking at the DMK general council meeting recently.

Asked when the relaying of roads and construction of storm water drains would be completed in Chennai, the Chief Minister said the city presented a disfigured picture because the AIADMK government from 2011 to 2021 had not implemented any project to improve its infrastructure.

"There is a compulsion to relay the damaged roads and reconstruct storm water drains that were neglected. We have decided to improve the infrastructure so that people would not face any hardship in times of natural disasters," he said.Mr. Stalin said he had fully understood the hardship of people since the work was being implemented simultaneously across the city. "I request you to bear with the hardship for some time. Short-term problems will ultimately pave the way for long-term benefits," he said, adding that the project cost for Chennai was ₹4,560 crore.

The Chief Minister said he was personally visiting various sites once a week and had ordered completion of the work before the monsoon set in.

Barrage of problems

Under water: Houses in a colony alongside the Krishna River at Krishnalanka in Vijayawada remain waterlogged as the flood discharge at Prakasam Barrage reached 5 lakh cusecs on Sunday. K.V.S. GIRI

AICC polls: Rahul to vote in Sanganakallu

The Hindu Bureau
BALLARI

Congress leader and former president of All India Congress Committee (AICC) Rahul Gandhi, who is leading Bharat Jodo Yatra for the last one month, will exercise his franchise in the election to AICC president's post at a booth established in Sanganakallu in Ballari district on Monday.

As per well-placed sources in the Congress, around 70 voters, who were walking with Mr. Gandhi in Bharat Jodo Yatra, would cast their votes. National Coordinator of Bharat Jodo Yatra Digvijaya Singh, AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala and Congress Communication Department head Jairam Ramesh are among the prominent figures who would vote in the Sanganakallu polling booth.

Leaders D.K. Suresh, V.S. Ugrappa, MLA Nagendra too have been permitted to exercise their franchise from Sanganakallu.

BJP leader mocks Bharat Jodo Yatra as Rahul's 'morning and evening walk'

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

BJP general secretary and Karnataka-in-charge Arun Singh said there was nothing special about Bharat Jodo Yatra of Rahul Gandhi except that he was going for 'morning and evening walk' with other workers and criticising BJP for the sake of criticising.

Addressing presspersons along with former chief minister Jagadish Shettar and other office bearers in Hubballi on Sunday Mr. Singh said the Bharat Jodo Yatra was not for uniting India but for "uniting D.K. Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah."

Terming speculations that the history of 2013 (when Congress came to power) would make a comeback as baseless, he said while Congress was facing a wave of defeat, the BJP was riding the wave of victory.

BJP general secretary and Karnataka-in-charge Arun Singh addressing press persons in Hubballi on Sunday. KIRAN BAKALE

On development

The BJP would face the next assembly election in Karnataka on the issue of development and assurance of 'double-engine sarkar' and already elaborate preparations were being carried out for the purpose, he said.

Emphasising that it was the BJP government which was actually working for the welfare and development of SC/STs, he said Congress had only done lip-service to the oppressed class and did nothing to give due respect to B.R. Ambedkar. Under the leadership of B.S. Yediyurappa, the party would return to power with 150 seats, he said.

Mr. Singh played down the recent comments of former Union minister Basanagouda Patil Yatnal saying the latter was neither a leader of the party nor a member of the BJP core committee. "His behaviour is like that, there is no need to give much importance to his statements," he said.

Bellad's remarks

To a query on BJP MLA from Dharwad Arvind Bellad's remark about removal of reservation for Muslim community and giving the same to Panchamsali and other communities, Mr. Singh expressed disagreement with that opinion. "Such issues will be discussed under mass leadership. He (Bellad) has expressed his opinion. Such important issues will be discussed on the party forum and a decision will be taken," he said.

Emphasising that BJP's government was a 'sab ka sath, sab ka vikas government', he said there was no question of sidelining senior leaders like former chief minister Jagadish Shettar. "Mr. Shettar is with us and he is a member of the excecutive and election committee of the party," he said.

Regarding party candidates, he said that BJP was not like other political parties and would take a decision on the party candidates after seeking the opinion of the people.

Political stunt

On the Congress' charge of "40% commission", Mr. Singh dismissed it as a political stunt. If at all there was any evidence of receiving or demanding commission, let them complain to the Lokayukta. "The BJP government under Basavaraj Bommai is taking up pro-people initiatives and implementing development programmes. Killings of Hindus, development of PFI, teachers recruitment scam... all these happened during Congress rule," he said.

Minister for Handloom, Textiles and Sugar, Shankar Patil Munenakoppa, BJP state general secretary Mahesh Tenginakai, district unit president Sanjay Kapatkar and others were present.

Need seen for developing Ballari jeans manufacturing cluster in a holistic way

Kumar Buradikatti
BALLARI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has stressed the need for developing jeans and ready-made garment cluster in Ballari in a holistic way with proper banking and financial assistance, infrastructure, training and other policy initiatives.

"I am awed by the brilliance of the garment workers of Ballari and their enterprising zeal. Considering the historical connections of garment production in the city, I feel that there is a dire need for a marketing strategy to popularise Ballari jeans and garment products. The jeans and ready-made garment cluster needs State support in terms of financial assistance, infrastructure development, training the workforce and other policy initiatives. We need to have a clear strategy for making the industry more profitable," he said.

Garment workers presenting a pair of jeans trousers to Rahul Gandhi at Moka in Ballari district on Sunday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

He was speaking with workers and owners of jeans and ready-made garment manufacturing units at Moka village in Ballari district on Sunday as a continuation of his interaction with the working communities and civil society groups on a daily basis as part of the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

When a participant said during the discussion that Ballari has always been considered a mini Bangladesh in view of the large number of garment manufacturing units in that country, Mr. Gandhi said that Ballari should be developed in such a way that Bangladesh should be called mini Ballari.

When Dadapeer, a tailor, narrated his story of how he started with a single sewing machine a decade ago and developed the unit into employing 250 women now, Mr. Gandhi expressed his desire to visit the unit. However, the logistics was an impediment. "Skyrocketing prices of raw material and the irrational imposition of 5% GST [Goods and Service Tax] on fabric are pushing the garment industry into a deep crisis. The government, which is supposed to help the small-scale industries with financial assistance and other policy initiatives, is doing everything that is pushing the industry into further crisis," Dadapeer said.

Other workers and unit owners immediately joined Dadapeer to air their grievances saying that many units are facing closure because of unfavourable government policies.

Srinivasa Reddy, a textile supplier, said that there was an entrepreneur in every house earlier and they became workers in the industry because of government policies that were unfavourable to small-scale garment industry.

In his response, Mr. Gandhi said that the BJP government has created policies that are detrimental to small and medium industries and favourable to large ones. He said that his party, after coming to power in the State, will do everything to address all the issues of the Ballari garment industry and make it world famous.

"I am very much aware of the difficulties that the owners and workers of the small and medium firms are undergoing. Once we assume power in the State, we will definitely make Ballari an example of the real Make in India," he said.

Speaking to *The Hindu* after the interaction, Sasikanth Senthil, chairman of Interaction Committee of Bharat Jodo Yatra, termed Mr. Gandhi's interaction with workers and owners of garment units in Ballari as most fruitful of the discussions that Mr. Gandhi has had during the Bharat Jodo Yatra thus far.

EDUCATIONPLUS

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Think, but dialectically

What is dialectical thinking? Why is it increasingly becoming a required skill?

Today, "thinking" has become a necessary skill in the job market. But it has been split into creative thinking, critical thinking, design thinking, analytical thinking, logical thinking, strategic thinking, and holistic thinking.

These are then further pigeonholed into higher-order thinking skills (HOTs) and lower-order thinking skills (LOTs). Not to forget Edward de Bono's classification of lateral thinking and vertical thinking. All of which only intensifies one's confusion instead of providing clarification.

While "thinking" is a highly desired skill, it eludes many because it is highly demanding until one is habituated. Then there is the inundation by print and social media and the fact that thinkers are often misunderstood and condemned.

Vital two

To engage learners in the cognitive process, we need to consider models and texts. Of the former, two have proven to be impactful: Hegelian dialectical thinking and Bono's Six Thinking Hats. Dialectical thinking, although traced back to the Socratic method, is attributed to Hegel, the 19th century German philosopher who advocated seeking true meaning in two apparently contradictory positions. Instead of extremes such as "right" or "wrong", he postulated moving away from "either-or" to "both-and". In other words, right is not totally correct, and wrong is not totally wrong. An interesting metaphor illustrative of this model is "having an elephant in the room with two blindfolded people on its opposite ends".

Bono's Six Thinking Hats ideally comprises a group of six, each wearing a different hat. But it can also involve one individual wearing six hats one after another.

Each hat has a colour that symbolises a different kind of thinking: white for facts, red for emotions, black for negatives, yellow for positives, green for new ideas and blue for summarising and decision-making.

This helps learners tackle an issue from multiple perspectives and overcome the usual mono-dimensional thinking.

The problem confronting teachers is integrating this skill into prescribed textbooks, which may often be unyielding. This then compels them to browse through a high volume of texts available online in a variety of formats but how many are willing to do this?

Applications

The current Russia-Ukraine war is an apt context to apply dialectical thinking. While Russian president Vladimir Putin defends the war as an attempt to retrieve lost land and Russian pride; Ukraine and the west blame it on his autocratic behaviour and warmongering. Where does the truth lie?

Achieving a dialectical balance is vital. The Six Thinking Hats would bring into focus aspects such as facts on both sides (white); the emotional turmoil of civilians and soldiers (red); sufferings of both nations and the world at large (black); positives if any for the two countries and globally (yellow); probable solutions to the problem (green); a standpoint based on critical engagement with the ideas put forth (blue).

We live in a tumultuous world of issues at local, national, regional and global levels. Tapping into them will be effortless, but narrowing them down to thought-provoking material for the classroom will be a challenge. Will our teachers think out of the box?

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Questionable urgency

Swift stay on orders of acquittal or discharge shows courts in a bad light

The manner in which the Supreme Court has suspended the operation of a Bombay High Court judgment discharging G.N. Saibaba and others in an alleged Maoist conspiracy case is quite unusual and raises critical questions. It is true that their conviction by a trial court – with Prof. Saibaba and four others being sentenced to life and another to 10 years under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) – was set aside by the High Court not on merits, but only on technical grounds, and the state may feel aggrieved. However, the apex court could have been more restrained while entertaining an appeal against the order. The Court showed extraordinary zeal in fulfilling the Maharashtra government's wish to have an immediate hearing. A special Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and Bela Trivedi was formed to hear the appeal on a Saturday. Consider the circumstances: the accused have spent years in prison, Prof. Saibaba is disabled, and soon after their discharge, they were required to file a bond under a procedure that requires even those acquitted to be available for further proceedings in case there is an appeal. It is doubtful whether the Court should have responded with such swiftness just to suspend a judgment that has given detailed reasons for discharging the accused. After all, appeals against acquittals are not uncommon.

The gist of the High Court verdict is that in the case of five accused (one of them died in prison), the sanction for their prosecution under UAPA was invalid because material was placed before the sanctioning authority and sanction obtained on the same day, and that there was no summary of the analysis of the evidence made by an independent reviewer to assist the grant of sanction. In the case of Prof. Saibaba, cognisance was taken and even a witness was examined before the sanction order arrived, rendering the entire proceedings void. The Government may have an arguable case, going by Section 465 of the CrPC, that any error, omission or irregularity in the matter of sanction would not vitiate the trial, unless there has been a failure of justice as a result, and that it is a curable defect. However, these issues have been elaborately dealt with by the High Court. The Bench has concluded that when dealing with special laws such as the UAPA, every safeguard provided by the legislature, however small, must be zealously protected. A 1976 judgment does give the Supreme Court the power to suspend an acquittal order, but as a matter of principle, the benefit of acquittal or discharge must not be interdicted by an appellate court without a full hearing.

Fuel to the fire

Liz Truss seems to have gutted Tory fortunes with her wrong priorities

The United Kingdom is fast becoming a cautionary tale for how bad politics can lead to even worse economics. Prime Minister Liz Truss was once seen as a new hope for breathing life back into the sinking fortunes of the U.K. Conservative Party after its previous leader, Boris Johnson, squandered the goodwill of success with the COVID-19 vaccine programme and embarrassed Downing Street with the Partygate scandal. Now, Ms. Truss is in her party members' crosshairs after foisting a disastrous set of economic policy proposals on the country, which was already shuddering under the weight of global developments impacting energy prices, inflation, and economic activity. Flipflops, U-turns and a lack of coherent long-term strategy for economic stability and growth have marred what little merit there might have been in her advocacy of policies to transform the U.K. into a "high growth, low cost" economy. The questionable, doctrinaire ideas at the heart of the Truss government's missteps, which in its worst moments required the Bank of England (BoE) to step in with a £65bn emergency bond buying programme to stabilise gilts and the cost of government borrowing, stem from her campaign promise to cut taxes extensively. While most Tories would in principle be happy with that proposition, what has befuddled macroeconomists is that instead of following up her energy price guarantee scheme – a timely intervention in the face of rising gas prices linked to the Ukraine invasion – with consultation with the BoE on stabilising inflation, Ms. Truss jumped headlong into tax cut mode.

The cost of this ill-timed fiscal foray was severe. The proposal of Ms. Truss and erstwhile Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kwasi Kwarteng, to abolish the 45% top rate of income tax on incomes of £150,000 or higher, raised eyebrows. Combined with their unfunded plan to scrap an increase in corporate tax from 19% to 25%, from next April, it was clear that these measures would burn £45bn in government finances. The market turmoil has signalled the true extent of disapproval of Ms. Truss's formulas – yields on 10-year government bonds jumped from 3.5% to 4.3%, then held firm at nearly 4.05% after BoE intervention. Meanwhile the pound lost value, the mortgage market was thrown into chaos, and the country is now staring at a bumpy path ahead before inflation can be tamed. Far from being the leader who could extricate the Conservative Party from its shambolic, scandal-ridden image, Ms. Truss has likely added the label of "incompetence" to the Tory governance image. For her poor performance, her time on Downing Street may draw to a close sooner than she expected.

Food day as a reminder to 'leave no one behind'

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Globally, food and nutrition security continue to be undermined by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, spiralling food inflation, conflict, and inequality. Today, around 828 million people worldwide do not have enough to eat, and over 50 million people are facing severe hunger.

The Hunger Hotspots Outlook (2022-23) – a report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) – forebodes escalating hunger, as over 205 million people across 45 countries will need emergency food assistance to survive.

This year's World Food Day (October 16) has been a reminder to ensure that the most vulnerable people within our communities have easy access to safe and nutritious food. The promise to end hunger by 2030 is possible only through collective and transformational action to strengthen agri-food systems; better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life.

Better production, better nutrition

India has had an inspiring journey towards better production and achieving self-sufficiency and is now one of the largest agricultural product exporters. During 2021-22, it recorded $49.6 billion in total agriculture exports – a 20% increase from 2020-21. However, recent climate shocks have raised concerns about India's wheat and rice production over the next year. Therefore, it is important to place a greater focus on climate adaptation and resilience building.

By 2030, India's population is expected to rise to 1.5 billion. Agri-food systems will need to provide for and sustainably support an increasing population. There is increased recognition to move away from conventional input-intensive agriculture towards more inclusive, effective, and sustainable agri-food systems that would facilitate better production. There have also been a series of initiatives by the Government of India on better production and improving food access, especially for vulnerable populations.

India can lead the global discourse on enabling food and nutrition security

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Since 1948, the FAO has continued to play a catalytic role in India's progress in the areas of crops, livestock, fisheries, food security, and management of natural resources through the promotion of sustainable practices.

World Food Day is a reminder to 'Leave No One Behind', and is an opportunity – perhaps the most urgent one in recent history – for nations to strengthen food security nets, provide access to essential nutrition for millions and promote livelihood for vulnerable communities.

One of India's greatest contributions to equity in food is its National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 which anchors the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the PM POSHAN scheme (earlier known as the Mid-Day Meals scheme), and the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). Today, India's food safety nets collectively reach over a billion people. The WFP works with State and national governments to strengthen these systems to reach the people who need them most. The Government continues to take various measures to improve these programmes with digitisation and measures such as rice fortification, better health, and sanitation.

Food safety nets and inclusion are linked with public procurement and buffer stock policy – visible during the global food crisis (2008-12) and the COVID-19 pandemic fallout, whereby vulnerable and marginalised families in India continued to be buffered by the TPDS which became a lifeline. An International Monetary Fund paper titled 'Pandemic, Poverty, and Inequality: Evidence from India' asserted that 'extreme poverty was maintained below 1% in 2020 due to the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). India's upcoming G20 presidency is an opportunity to bring food and nutrition security to the very centre of a resilient and equitable future.

A better environment

Nutrition and agricultural production are not only impacted by climate change but also linked to environmental sustainability. Soil degradation by the excessive use of chemicals, non-judicious water use, and declining nutritional value of food products need urgent attention.

Millets have received renewed attention as crops that are good for nutrition, health, and the planet. As climate-smart crops, they are hardier than other cereals. Since they need fewer inputs, they are less extractive for the soil and can revive soil health. Additionally, their genetic diversity ensures that agrobiodiversity is preserved.

India has led the global conversation on reviving millet production for better lives, nutrition, and the environment, including at the UN General Assembly, where it appealed to declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets. It is the world's leading producer of millets, producing around 41% of total production in 2020. The national government is also implementing a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals (Millets) as part of the National Food Security Mission. State-level missions in Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh are a testament to India's resolve to revive these indigenous crops.

Millet conservation and promotion contribute to addressing food security, improved nutrition, and sustainable agriculture, which aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda. Millet production has been proven to enhance biodiversity and increase yields for smallholder farmers, including rural women. The International Fund for Agricultural Development's (IFAD's) Tejaswini programme with Madhya Pradesh showed that growing millets meant a nearly 10 times increase in income (₹1,800 per month in 2013-14 to ₹16,277 in 2020-21), with better food security because millet crops were not impacted by excessive rainfall.

A study by the FAO on millets in India emphasises strengthening value chains for enhancing nutritional benefits and increasing farmers' incomes.

A better life

It is clear that the path to a better life resides in transforming food systems, making them more resilient and sustainable with a focus on equity, including by incentivising the protection of the commons; enhancing food and nutrition security and social protection networks, including by providing non-distortionary income support; promoting production and consumption of nutritious native foods such as millets, by investing in consumer sensitisation; investing in making the global and regional supply chain robust and responsive by strengthening transparency in the agricultural system through systems that promote labelling, traceability, etc.; and increasing cooperation for leveraging solutions and innovations. India can lead the global discourse on food and nutrition security by showcasing home-grown solutions and best practices, and championing the principle of leaving no one behind – working continuously to make its food system more equitable, empowering, and inclusive.

The bigger picture of intermediation, financial crises

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The financial sector plays a major role in modern economies and banks are the cornerstone of the financial system. They mobilise savings for investments, create opportunities to pool risks, improve allocative efficiencies, and lower transaction costs when funds exchange hands between borrowers and lenders. Interestingly, the very mechanisms that enable banks to offer these valuable services are also those which, at times, make banks vulnerable to small shocks and market sentiments, triggering a financial crisis and/or bank run with severe consequences. This year's Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences has been awarded to three American economists – Ben S. Bernanke, the former Federal Reserve Chair; Douglas W. Diamond at the University of Chicago; and Philip H. Dybvig at Washington University in St. Louis for offering a deeper understanding of the genesis, the propagation, and the management of financial crises. Explaining the ideas of Diamond and Dybvig in their 1983 seminal paper on bank runs is a good beginning.

Even the ideal situation has a risk

Consider an ideal situation where banks and firms are honest, banks are healthy with a small volume of non-performing loans, and that the economy is not facing any significant adverse events such as wars, floods, etc. Now, ask yourself if your deposits in a bank are safe under this ideal condition. According to Diamond and Dybvig, even in this ideal environment banks may fail to meet obligations to depositors due to a different kind of risk – the risk associated with maturity transformation which banks have to undertake to be viable.

Their argument goes as follows. Consider a bank that takes deposits from many small savers, like you and me. We may face a sudden need for cash due to unforeseen circumstances. Therefore, we prefer to put our savings in liquid deposit accounts from which we can withdraw at minimum notice. On the other hand, the firms that borrow from the bank prefer loans with longer maturity since they want to invest the money in business activities. To make its operation viable, a bank has to pay attention to the needs of both sets of customers. Thus, a bank has to turn short-term deposits into long-term lending. Under ordinary circumstances, a bank's day-to-day operation remains unaffected by this mismatch of its assets (loans) and liabilities (deposits) because withdrawals by depositors largely uncorrelated. On a given day, only a fraction of depositors (you and me) faces an unforeseen need for cash and the need to withdraw money from their accounts.

This year's economics Nobel offers a deeper understanding of the genesis, the propagation, and the management of financial crises

A framework used as an explainer

Repeated observations of borrower behaviour allows banks to set aside (technically by appealing to the law of large numbers) a fraction of deposits needed to meet the daily demand for withdrawal and safely give out the rest as loans with longer maturities. This process works well as long as each depositor expects other depositors to withdraw only when they have real expenditure needs. But suppose something changes for the depositors (economic or political events for example). This could trigger a belief among the depositors that their deposits are at risk. Such expectations could be wholly unfounded or based on a minor event. Now depositors like you and me are informed and smart. They know that a bank has locked a significant fraction of its deposits in loans that cannot be quickly called in, and also anticipating that other depositors will want to withdraw their funds.

Consequently, the best strategy for a depositor under these circumstances would be to withdraw his/her own money before it runs out. Since all of us are smart and we think alike, what emerges is a perfect recipe for a bank run that can potentially trigger a financial crisis. Incidentally, a way to prevent such crises and runs is to offer deposit insurance, which many governments have implemented. One does not have to be a trained economist to see the beauty and creativity in this explanation – it helped that both Diamond and Dybvig were graduate students at Yale in the late 1970s. Additionally, the Diamond-Dybvig framework has been used to explain how financial development affects the rest of the economy and to understand the effects of monetary policy on banks' portfolio choices. It is one of the few papers to have its own Wikipedia page.

Credit market's role

The other winner Ben Bernanke, made significant contributions to our understanding of the credit market's role in propagating and accentuating the effects of shocks. During the great depression of the 1930s, nearly 7,000 banks in the United States failed taking with them $7 billion in depositors' assets. One can view bank failures at this scale as a consequence of a deep economic downturn and stop there. However, Bernanke in a 1983 paper argued that the disruptions of 1930-33 reduced the effectiveness of the financial sector as a whole by increasing the real costs of intermediating in the market and making credit more expensive and difficult to obtain.

Consequently, bank runs played an important role in converting the severe but not unprecedented downturn of 1929-30 into a protracted depression. Bernanke's research on the banking sector upholds the belief that favourable credit market conditions are essential for moderating shocks. He did put this belief to work as the Federal Chair during the 2008 recession. Overall, the three winners cover different but complementary aspects of financial intermediation and banking.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hunger index ranking

In the midst of grand rhetoric reverberating in the country on the impending arrival of a five trillion dollar economy, the report that India fares worse than all countries in South Asia barring Afghanistan on the Global Hunger Index should spur a reality check ("Global Hunger Index is out, India in 'serious' category at rank 107", October 15). Such ignominious reports emerging at regular intervals do not appear to have any impact on the sensibilities of our rulers who are busy blowing their trumpets ("Govt. rejects global hunger index study, calls it an attempt to tarnish India's image", October 16). Obviously the trickle down theory has not worked over the years and a direct attack on poverty is urgently called for.

It is time the directive principles of the Constitution tempered economic policy making. Mounting economic disparity in the country is a matter of great concern.

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Kannur, Kerala

Acquittal suspended

The case of the academic G.N. Saibaba raises eyebrows. When the Bombay High Court had, on a complete consideration of the materials before it, acquitted him and ordered his release, the speed with which the Supreme Court had, on the very next day, suspended his release cannot be countenanced. The order is all the more curious as the accused is wheelchair-bound and his health none-too-impressive. The order that he must necessarily be incarcerated appears to lack humanitarian considerations. It is one thing to be judicially stern and quite another to be inconsiderate.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

Is there concrete proof that the professor, with disabilities, had superhuman powers to take on the might of the Indian state? Dubbing anyone who stands for radical or revolutionary changes as an 'urban naxal' and incarcerating him or her citing ideological inclinations or political leanings is not quite worthy of a vibrant democracy. It is not clear how the country's top court drew the inference that the professor's "brain" was powerful enough to pose a danger to the sovereignty and integrity of the country.

G. David Milton,
Maruthancode, Tamil Nadu

Seventh triumph

The Indian women's team led by Harmanpreet Kaur was in its elements to have annexed the Women's Asia Cup in style. The credit should go to the bowlers and fielders for their stupendous show. The side played to a plan.

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The 'plumbing' of inner party democracy

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'Inner party democracy' is a favourite buzzword for Indian political commentators. Since 2019, there have been 27 articles in mainstream English media publications delivering sermons to the Congress about 'internal democracy'. If inner party democracy was such a magic pill, why is it that no political party in India has embarked on it for so long?

Contrary to shallow theories, it is not because the current leadership fear losing control. In fact, a Rahul Gandhi, M.K.Stalin, Mamata Banerjee, Sharad Pawar or an Akhilesh Yadav would sweep any internal elections held in their respective parties. A contest is possible only when established party leaders sacrifice their quests, such as what Mr. Gandhi has done for the Congress. There is also some fear among parties that an internal leadership contest may result in a splintered organisation, vulnerable to capture by external adversaries. But political parties, especially the Opposition, are anyway not secure from such external raids by the ruling party today.

Translating grandiose ideas such as inner party democracy into action requires institutional capabilities, just as the Election Commission (EC) has to keep India a democratic republic. The 'plumbing' needed to implement inner party democracy is very complex, messy and lacking in India's political parties. No other political party has the institutional capacity of the EC to implement internal democracy.

The election process

Who will be the voters in an internal election to choose the president? Should all the members of the party or only office bearers or a certain category of leaders vote? If all the members are to be voters, how can their membership be verified? Or if only office bearers or select leaders are to vote, what is the basis for their selection? How can one be sure that yesterday's member or leader is still in the party at the time of election, given the alacrity with which politicians are bought and sold today? Who will be eligible to contest? How can external interference or manipulation of the electoral college be prevented? The 140-year history of the Congress has helped codify some of these answers in the party's constitution, albeit not sufficiently or aptly for modern times.

The Central Election Authority (CEA) of the Congress, headed by Madhusudhan Mistry, recruited a massive team of 943 returning officers from within the party. These officers were tasked with overseeing the process of choosing delegates from each of the 9,000+ block units of the Congress across the country, either through election or consensus, based on membership enrolment. Beginning with a six-month membership drive and formation of block, assembly and district units, over 9,800 delegates were chosen through a constitutionally defined process, provided a QR-coded ID card and formed the electoral college to elect the next president. Any of them could choose to contest for the post of the president by getting the support of 10 other delegates. Voting is through a secret paper ballot under a rank choice voting system, unlike the first-past-the-post system of Indian elections. The returning officers are responsible for conducting smooth elections in each State headquarters and bringing the ballot boxes to Delhi for counting. And through this process, the CEA and its returning officers must not only be impartial and fair, but also perceived to be fair. This mammoth exercise is only possible due to the institutional structure of the CEA, the constitutionally prescribed election rules and an experienced team of nearly a thousand people working on it for over a year.

Establishing such credible institutions and processes to be led by people of high integrity and who command the respect of most is not easy. But without this, there can be no 'inner party democracy' in a political party, which explains why most parties in India do not undertake such an arduous task.

Errors of omission

Further, it is only reasonable to expect such a massive undertaking to be imperfect with errors of omission but not of commission. But people fall prey to Occam's razor principle and attribute malice to such errors when they can be explained as inevitable imperfections in such a large project. Aspersions cast flippantly by armchair critics inside and outside the party on the institution, process or individuals dissuade leaders and parties even more from such exercises in internal democracy.

Any contestation for power is a messy, Chanakyan affair that inevitably ends with happy and grumpy people. The thankless, complex and risky endeavour of inner party elections serves as a disincentive for most parties to attempt such an exercise, especially when its supposed benefits do not seem to outweigh the enormous tangible and intangible costs in the short term.

The Congress's election process may not be flawless, but when over 9,800 members of the electoral college cast their vote today to choose the next president, it will be a testament to the party's rich legacy and ability to build robust institutions – traits that helped our nation attain independence and evolve into a modern republic.

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A gamble that is unlikely to pay off

Why K. Chandrasekhar Rao's role in national politics is difficult to visualise

STATE OF PLAY

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By renaming the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) as the Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS), Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao aims to take on the BJP and emerge as a national force. This is an ambitious step. It could even be a misadventure, for Mr. Rao has not yet struck a chord with the people of the rest of the country, has disassociated himself from the brand name that catapulted him to power, and seems to lack a national vision. Further, his position even on home ground is shaky, as the TRS recently lost a few bypolls to the BJP. After Karnataka and Puducherry, the BJP sees Telangana as the next best bet for its expansion in the south.

Mr. Rao has not established himself as a leader with national appeal by bringing the Opposition parties together. The TRS had stayed away from the meetings of the Opposition parties to decide on their candidate in the presidential election on the grounds that it cannot share the platform with the Congress. The party extended support to the Opposition candidate, Yashwant Sinha, only in an effort to defeat the BJP and "safeguard" democratic and constitutional values. Earlier, too, Mr. Rao stated that the TRS is not part of the Opposition front. But the Congress's presence in the Opposition is critical for anti-BJP parties to unite, given its pan-India presence.

Reacting to the development, the president of the Telangana Jana Samiti, M. Kodandaram, once a protégé of Mr. Rao, said the Chief Minister was merely aiming to

create anti-BJP sentiment to win the next year's Assembly elections in Telangana. Mr. Rao did not have plans to become a force to reckon with at the national level, he said.

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee Campaign Committee Chairman and ex-MP Madhu Yaskhi said Mr. Rao does not inspire confidence as a national leader because he has not proved his credentials. He said Mr. Rao is trying to divide the Opposition for the benefit of the BJP.

In fact, even TRS leaders, cadre and political activists have struggled to accept the change. In an embarassing slip, a minister called the new party "BSP" instead of "BRS" at a public meeting to celebrate Dussehra.

The TRS has no presence in any other State, including in adjoining Andhra Pradesh. In Karnataka, another neighbouring State, Janata Dal (Secular) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said Mr. Rao was not interested in fielding any candidate for the upcoming Assembly election, but would back JD(S) candidates for the 2023 polls.

Mr. Rao's role in national politics is difficult to visualise given that the TRS has only nine out of 17 MPs from the State. In such a scenario, it may be difficult for him to upstage leaders such as Nitish Kumar, Akhilesh Yadav, Arvind Kejriwal and Mamata Banerjee to become the most influential Opposition leader.

It would have made a difference if Mr. Rao had bargaining power, in the manner that former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu once did. Today, Mr. Naidu has become irrelevant in the political landscape. He attempted to unite anti-BJP forces ahead of the Lok Sabha elections 2019, but failed miserably. But two decades ago, he played 'kingmaker' in two coalition governments at the Centre.

Mr. Rao's party also lacks development programmes that will appeal to people at the national level. While the Chief Minister has earned credit for increasing the cultivable area many-fold in Telangana, his schemes have not been replicated by other States. On the other hand, Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal's programmes of free power to households, free education and free ride to women in buses have clearly rattled Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has cautioned people against what he calls a "revadi culture" of offering freebies for votes. The AAP has taken advantage of its 'Delhi model' and tried to sell it in other States. The TRS needs such a promise.

Mr. Rao has a massive challenge before him: to retain power in his own State as well as to take on powerful parties in other States in order to create political space for himself. Political observers say Mr. Kejriwal has managed to turn the Gujarat elections into a BJP versus AAP contest. The AAP also managed to win the Punjab election by cashing in on the widespread discontent against the Congress and the Akalis. Whether the BRS can create such an impact remains to be seen, but it has a long way to go.

Making a case for the Old Pension Scheme

If the more favourable Old Pension Scheme is to be financially sound, the focus should be on increasing revenues to fund it

DATA POINT

Rohit Azad & Indranil Chowdhury

After Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, Punjab is the latest State that has announced its plan to revert to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). Many have argued that this is a fiscally irresponsible move. We argue why and how we must go back to the OPS.

The OPS is an assured inflation-indexed monthly family pension till you (and your spouse) live(s). The OPS level is linked to the last pay you drew. The NPS is a corpus from which you can draw a pension after retirement. Its value is determined by the market prices in which the corpus is invested.

There are many issues with the NPS. One, as **Chart 1** shows, the amount of monthly pension you would draw (for the same contribution during service) with three hypothetical market rates of return is significantly lower for NPS.

Two, it is dependent on the vagaries of the market prices of equity/bonds in which the corpus is invested. To be sure, the markets do not crash often and in the long run they go up rather than down. But it is still a lottery. If there is a crash, the downside has to be absorbed by the retirees. According to a 2008 OECD study, the global financial crisis had wiped a total of $5 trillion off the value of private pension funds in rich countries compared to the start of the year. It's true that this is the value of assets on paper, but such a fall can, and did, induce withdrawals among panic-stricken retirees who didn't have age on their side to be in the long game of speculation.

Three, the OPS is a fixed government expenditure irrespective of an economic slowdown or a stock market crash, which makes it a good counter-cyclical policy measure during a crisis. In fact, the Sixth Pay Commission in India did precisely this during the Great Recession of 2008.

It has been argued that the OPS is a big hole in the exchequer's pocket (25% of the States' budget). This number is misleading because three other parts of States' revenue receipts – tax the Centre collects on behalf of the States (SGST, a part of direct taxes, etc.); non-tax revenue that the States collect; and non-tax grant that the Centre shares with the States – have not been taken into account. **Chart 2A** shows that the OPS outlays, when calculated correctly, are less than half of 25%. Additionally, as **Chart 2B** shows, when the revenues (as a share of State GDP) go up, the share of pensions falls. So, shouldn't the focus then be on mobilising revenues instead of cutting expenditures? But how?

Chart 3 plots the tax-GDP ratio (State plus Centre's taxes) for 18 of the G20 countries. India is the fifth country from the bottom and performs poorly among BRICS nations. Even within that, two out of three rupees comes from indirect taxes, for which the poor have to pay the same as the rich for a commodity. So, by increasing direct taxes – in particular corporate taxes – enough room can be created to ensure decent pensions for all.

Not only is there enough room in corporate taxes, a lot more can be mobilised if India were to target property and wealth taxes, which are almost zero (**Chart 4A**). Not surprisingly, India ranks the lowest among the 18 of G-20 countries. At one point, India did have some property tax, however insignificant, which rose between 2005 to 2012 but has fallen precipitously since (**Chart 4B**).

Perhaps there is a need to rationalise the level of pensions under the OPS to make room for non-permanent workers. But doing away with the old pension altogether is like throwing the baby with the bath water.

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Old versus new pension schemes

The charts show why the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) is better than the New Pension Scheme (NPS) and how to revert to the OPS. The data were the authors' calculations based on the Reserve Bank of India's database on the Indian economy and the IMF's World Revenue Longitudinal Data (WoRLD)

Chart 1 | OPS and NPS have been calculated assuming the employee has worked for 35 years. The pension from the OPS has been taken as 100 and the rest are ratios of that. The NPS calculator from the NPS Trust website has been used for calculating the monthly pension. Annuity of 40% is assumed for the calculations. 9% is the current rate of returns in the NPS Central Government scheme

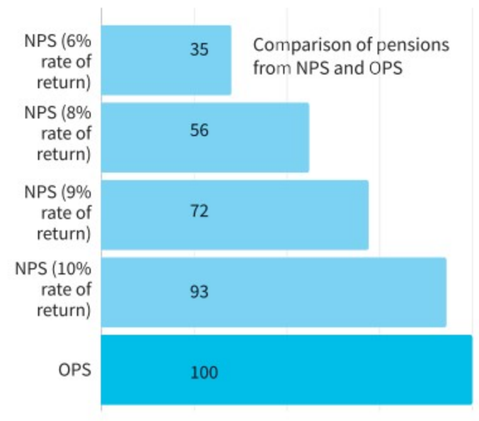


Chart 2A | Pensions as a % of revenue receipts and own tax (in 2022)

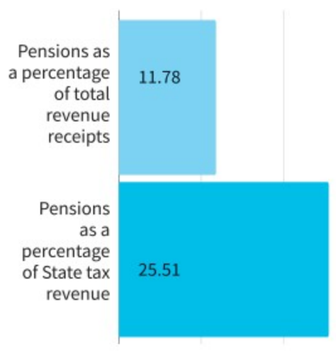


Chart 2B | Revenue receipts as a % of State GDP and pensions as a % of revenue receipts (for all States, 1991-2022)

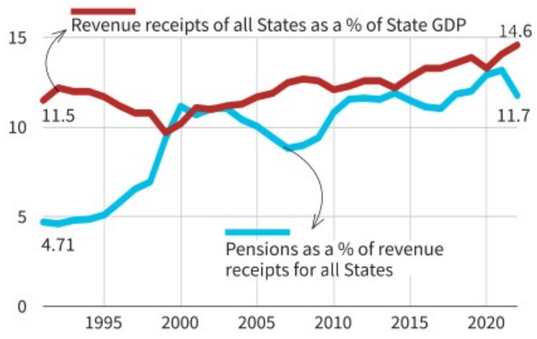
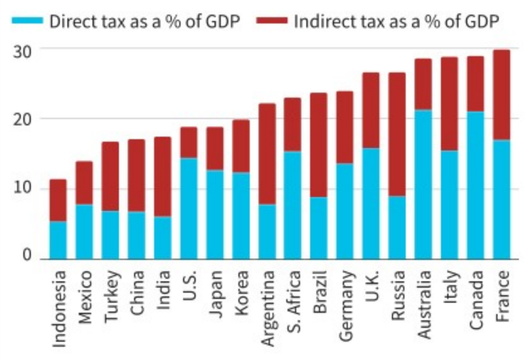


Chart 3 | Property tax as a % of GDP in G20 countries (in 2018)



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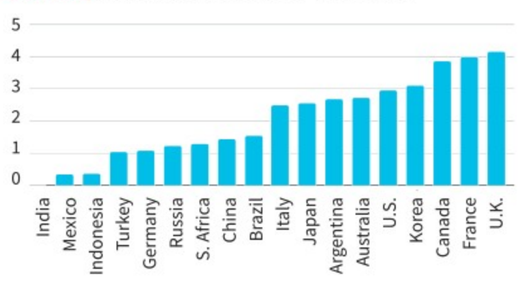
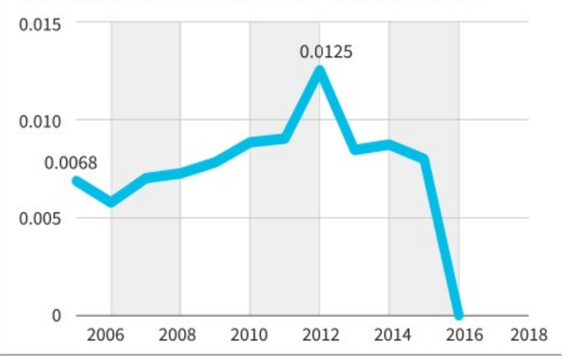


Chart 4B | Property tax as a % of GDP in India (2005-2018)



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 17, 1972

Seven-day week: Labour leaders reject suggestion

New Delhi, Oct. 17: All the major trade unions have summarily rejected the Labour Minister, Mr. R.K. Khadilkar's plea for "a seven-day week in order to step up production in the country." Commenting on the Labour Minister's suggestion, the trade union leaders including Mr. Satish Loomba, Secretary of the All-India Trade Union Congress, Mr. P. Ramamurthy of the Centre of Indian Trade Union and Mr. Priya Gupta, General Secretary of All-India Railwaymen Federation, declared that they could not be a "party to any action of the Government aimed at curtailing workers' rights." "All such attempts, if made, would be resisted," they said. Although the Indian National Trade Union Congress President, Mr. B. Bhagwati M.P., is out of India, one of its spokesman interpreted Mr. Khadilkar's suggestion as industry working for seven days, which presupposed more production and more employment. It did not mean the same worker reporting for duty on all the seven days, he added. Mr. Loomba, however, said the workers could not agree for a seven-day week. The AITUC leader said the production could be boosted by utilising the idle capacity available in the industry. Curtailing the workers' rights would unnecessarily result in disputes and loss of production, he said. Mr. P. Ramamurthy felt that workers would not accept this position.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 17, 1922

Empire exhibition

Leafield (Oxford) midnight, Oct. 16: The guarantee of coming British Empire Exhibition at Wembly near London has now reached over million pounds and it is expected that this sum will now be doubled. In no other exhibition have the overseas dominions and colonies taken such a prominent share as they intend to do in this one. Australia and Newfoundland are each devoting a quarter million pounds to the project. India will spend one hundred sixty seven thousand and British Colonies even to the smallest have promised substantial support. All profits will be divided between the British Governments and Colonies in proportion to the area of space occupied by their exhibitions and in each case the profits are to be devoted to some public object.

From Page One

Cong. to choose between Kharge & Tharoor today

Though Mr. Tharoor complained of an uneven playing field during his campaign, both candidates have maintained that the Gandhis are neutral. On Sunday, while campaigning in Lucknow, the Lok Sabha MP from Thiruvananthapuram stressed on "decentralisation" in the organisational structure so that "all decisions are not taken in Delhi". "Whether Kharge *sahab* wins it or I win, I am of the view that the Congress should emerge victorious," Mr. Tharoor said.

Mr. Tharoor said he was aware that "some of my colleagues are indulging in '*netagiri*' by claiming that they know whom party chief Ms. Gandhi wants." "This type of '*netagiri*' is not confined to this State, it was in many States. Don't you [party workers] have faith in Sonia Gandhi's words, who has been running our party? She had categorically made it clear that you contest the polls, and we [Gandhi family] will remain neutral," he said. Mr. Kharge, who was in Karnataka, said he was "the delegates' candidate", but asserted that there was no shame in taking the advice of the Gandhis.

Big private projects give investment boost in Q2

However, Electricity, Mining and Irrigation projects dropped by 59.7%, 33.8%, and 2.1%, respectively. Though the value of investments is up, the number of new investment projects dropped by 4.9% to 4,996 this year. The surge in mega investment projects of over ₹1,000 crore and super mega projects worth over ₹25,000 crore this year was a key factor for this. "As against 130 mega projects aggregating ₹6.19 lakh crore announced in the first half of last fiscal, this year has seen 162 mega projects worth over ₹9.2 lakh crore," the firm noted.

However, the firm flagged a sharp 'alarming' decline in the country's project execution ratio over the past year, which tracks number of investment plans announced that are under actual implementation, from 38.06% in September 2021 to 35.05% in September 2022. "India will reap the fruits of increased investment proposals only when the announced projects are grounded and completed in time," the report emphasised.

Xi lays out China's vision at CPC meet

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's leader Xi Jinping on Sunday laid out a decade-long vision pledging to boost China's economic and military strength and self-reliance in science and technology, even as he warned of rising external threats in an increasingly turbulent world.

Opening the Communist Party of China's national congress, which will mark the start of Mr. Xi's third five-year term, the Chinese President and CPC General Secretary said the party's vision for 2035 was to "significantly increase economic strength, scientific and technological capabilities, and comprehensive national strength". By that year, he said, China would "join the ranks of the world's most innovative countries with great self-reliance and strength in science and technology". Beijing would also "strengthen national security" and "achieve basic modernisation of the armed forces", he said.

On the Taiwan question, Mr. Xi said China would "never promise to renounce the use of force", which was "directed solely at interference by outside forces", although Beijing would "continue to strive for peaceful reunification". "Resolving the Taiwan question and realising China's complete reunification is, for the Party, a historic mission and an unshakeable commitment," he said.

Addiction in Punjab women is overlooked

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

While Punjab is waging an all-out war against drugs, it faces a Herculean task in curbing substance abuse by women, who have often been overlooked in the discourse.

Against this backdrop, a recent video showing a young, inebriated woman by a roadside bench in Kapurthala has caught attention. The married 22-year-old, addicted to heroin, had been undergoing treatment at the State's only government-run women's de-addiction centre in Kapurthala.

In the video, which went viral on social media, the woman is heard saying she gets her *chitta* (heroin) from the nearby Mehtabgarh village, where drug peddlers can frequently be found roaming about. The police swung into action and had her re-admitted to the de-addiction centre. Sandeep Bhola, Deputy Medical Commissioner and consultant psychiatrist at the centre, told *The Hindu* that the lack of outreach staff was proving to be a major obstacle in treating women addicts.

In another such case, in a video that went viral on social media last month, a young woman, allegedly under the influence of narcotic substances, is seen standing on the road, slouching and struggling to move, in the Maqboolpura locality of Amritsar.

MBBS course in Hindi kicks off in M.P. with release of textbooks

Engineering and technical education will also be imparted in Hindi, says Home Minister Amit Shah; JEE, NEET and UGC examinations will be conducted in more than 10 languages

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday launched MBBS textbooks in Hindi, making Madhya Pradesh the first State in the country to offer medical education in the language.

Mr. Shah called the initiative a moment of "renaissance and reconstruction" for the education sector in India.

"I am delighted that [M.P. Chief Minister] Shivraj Singh Chouhan has embraced the three-language formula wholeheartedly and is taking it forward. Today, under the leadership of [Prime Minister Narendra] Modi*ji*, we have started giving importance to our languages through the National Education Policy (NEP)," he said.

He added that after medical, other engineering and technical education would also be imparted in Hindi. He said that arrangements had been made for students to write JEE and NEET, the entrance examinations for engineering and medical entrances, respectively, and UGC exams in 12 languages, and the Common University Admission Test in 13.

Going local: Amit Shah and Shivraj Singh Chouhan releasing Hindi textbooks for MBBS course in Bhopal on Sunday. A.M. FARUQUI

Crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi for reversing India's "brain drain" to brain gain, Mr. Shah said that people did not need to nurse a sense of inferiority complex because of a lack of knowledge of English. "Now, this country is under the government of Narendra Modi, you can showcase your abilities very well in your languages," he said.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Mr. Chouhan called the event a historic moment. He said those who had been educated in Hindi-medium before reaching medical college, but had struggled with English, had left medical studies or had taken their lives. "When I first brought up the topic of imparting medical education in Hindi in Vallabh Bhavan [MP State Secretariat building], everyone was laughing and some said it was impossible. I insisted that the word 'impossible' was not in our dictionary," he said.

The Chief Minister said that in due course Hindi would be taught in IITs and IIMs too and the institutions would have a separate merit list for those studying in Hindi.

Addressing the gathering that comprised of doctors and medical students, Madhya Pradesh Medical Education Minister Vishvas Sarang said that while translating the books on biochemistry, physiology and anatomy, all technical aspects and future challenges of the students were taken care of.

Kashmiri Pandits slam L-G for failing to provide security

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The latest killing of a Kashmiri Pandit orchardist by militants in south Kashmir's Shopian has sparked a fresh wave of protests in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, as the Pandit community accused the J&K Lieutenant-Governor's administration of failure to provide them security.

Meanwhile, the victim, Puran Krishan Bhat from Shopian's Chowdhary Gund area, was cremated in Jammu's Ban Talab crematory. Relatives of the victim, who is survived by two children, demanded ex-gratia relief and a government job for the victim's family. Bhat had come from Jammu to Kashmir to tend his orchards.

There is growing anger among Pandits living in Kashmir against the L-G administration. "One of the most incompetent persons from the cadres of BJP is currently heading J&K, resulting in worst law and order situation in Kashmir. The price of L-G Manoj Sinha's incompetency is paid for by Kashmiri Pandits," Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti (KPSS) president Sanjay Tickoo said. The KPSS is a body comprising over 800 Kashmiri Pandit families which did not migrate from the Valley in the wake of growing militancy in the 1990s.

Security officers deployed after a Kashmiri Pandit was shot dead in Shopian. NISSAR AHMAD

Meanwhile, a group of migrant Pandits posted in the Kashmir valley also met Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole, in Srinagar.

"We no longer feel secure in Kashmir. We fear if we leave our homes we may not return. All we demand is that all Pandit employees working in Kashmir be temporarily transferred to Jammu," a protesting Pandit who met Mr. Pole, said.

The Divisional Commissioner assured the Pandits that security forces were taking all measures to take on these militants.

Russia joins race to supply light battle tanks to Indian Army

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Russia will field its Sprut-SDM1 light amphibious tank for the Indian Army's upcoming tender for light tanks and has submitted technical details of the same, according to an official from Rosoboronexport.

"In response to India's request, we have submitted our technical proposals. We are ready to hold consultations and show the tank to the Indian side," a Rosoboronexport official said ahead of the DefExpo to be held from October 18 to 22 in Gandhinagar. "We are ready to transfer technologies and provide assistance in launching the manufacture of the tank in India."

Following the standoff with China in eastern Ladakh, the Indian Army is prioritising the procurement of a light tank, named 'Zorawar', for deployment in the mountains. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) are jointly developing a tank as per Army specifications.

Job rush

Seat hunt: Candidates, who appeared for the Uttar Pradesh Subordinate Services Selection Commission's Preliminary Eligibility Test, jostling to board a train to their hometowns, at the Varanasi railway station on Sunday. PTI

T.N. raises concern over presence of Chinese troops in Sri Lanka

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu has flagged serious security concerns over the increased presence of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China in Sri Lanka. An alert issued by the State's intelligence agency a few days ago said the activities of the Chinese in the neighbouring country is a concern to national security and called for intensified vigil along the coastline.

The movement of PLA cadre and the deployment of hi-tech gadgets such as satellites, drones and other communication equipment in northern Sri Lanka required constant surveillance in coastal districts, the advisory sent to all cities and districts in the State said.

Citing sources, the alert claimed that the PLA had deployed sophisticated gadgets in the garb of launching sea cucumber farming.

Clandestine entry

The security advisory comes days after an alert was issued by the same agency warning that Chinese nationals had clandestinely entered India through the sea route with the assistance of cadre belonging to a Sri Lanka-based political party.

The Tamil Nadu Coastal Security Group had also, citing a Central intelligence agency, issued an alert on the Chinese ship used to monitor satellites, rockets and inter-continental missile launches of China docked at Hanbantota Port, and called for adequate security arrangements in view of vital installations such as and seaports along the Tamil Nadu coast.

The free movement of Chinese nationals in many parts of northern Sri Lanka, including Mullaitivu, Paruthitheevu, Analaitheevu, and Meesalai had triggered discontentment among Tamil fishermen.

They had expressed apprehension that the Chinese were exploiting the rich sea wealth, which is their only source of livelihood.

The fear of the local Tamils was that the prevailing situation might lead to a division among Sri Lankan nationals and curtail the influence of India on Tamils living in the northern and eastern parts of the island nation, the alert said.

An alert was issued that Chinese nationals had entered India via sea route.

Tamil Nadu had strengthened security arrangements along the southeastern coast after a Union government advisory on the arrival of *Yuan Wang 5*, a Chinese research vessel at Sri Lanka's Hambantota Port on August 11. With the vessel equipped with space/satellite tracking and intercontinental ballistic missile launch facilities, the State activated its intelligence machinery at vital installations along the 1,076-km long coastal belt, sources said.

Additional Director-General of Police and chief of Tamil Nadu Coastal Security Group Sandeep Mittal said it was not a disputable fact that the presence of Chinese nationals was increasing in Sri Lanka. The frequent visits of the Chinese Ambassador to Sri Lanka to islands close to the International Maritime Boundary Line, and a drone survey conducted in the area in the guise of assessing prospects of harvesting sea cucumber, made the developments suspicious.

"While India is providing scholarships to Sri Lankan students pursuing undergraduate programmes in India, China is funding postgraduate Sri Lankan students studying in their own country. It is obvious that they [the Chinese] are trying to woo the youth in Sri Lanka to support their future plans," he said.

Security agencies in Tamil Nadu say there is an urgent need for the Union government to activate the Phase-III funding of the Coastal Security Scheme.

Ex-Punjab Minister arrested for offering bribe to official

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) has arrested former State Minister Sunder Sham Arora for allegedly offering a bribe of ₹50 lakh to an Assistant Inspector-General (AIG) of the Bureau.

Varinder Kumar, Chief Director, State Vigilance Bureau, on Sunday said an FIR was filed on Saturday against Mr. Arora, a BJP leader, under Section 8 of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA) based on the statement of Manmohan Kumar, AIG.

He said that Mr. Kumar has complained that Mr. Arora met him on October 14, and offered him a sum of ₹1 crore for getting favour in a vigilance inquiry registered against him. The VB Chief added that the former Minister has offered to pay ₹50 lakh on the next day i.e. October 15 and the balance amount at a later date. He said that the AIG has apprised the Chief Director and he then ordered to register the bribery case against the accused. "In this case, Mr. Arora has been arrested and ₹50 lakh has been recovered from him," he said.

APPEAL

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CBI summons Delhi Deputy CM for questioning in excise case

Kejriwal compares Manish Sisodia and jailed Minister Satyendar Jain to Bhagat Singh and terms his government's fight with the Centre the 'second freedom struggle'; AAP claims Minister will be arrested to keep him away from Gujarat election

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has summoned Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia for questioning on Monday in connection with the Delhi excise policy case.

Mr. Sisodia is one of the 15 accused named by the agency in its first information report (FIR) registered on August 17, alleging multiple irregularities in the formulation and implementation of the now-withdrawn excise policy.

Responding to the developments, Mr. Sisodia tweeted: "CBI raid was conducted at my house for 14 hours, nothing came out ... searched my bank locker, nothing came out in it. They did not find anything in my village. Now they have called me to CBI headquarters at 11 a.m. tomorrow. I will go and give my full cooperation. Satyameva Jayate."

Under fire: Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia taking part in an event in New Delhi on Sunday. PTI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal compared Mr. Sisodia and jailed minister Satyendar Jain to Bhagat Singh and termed his government's fight with the Centre the "second freedom struggle".

"Jail and hanging could not deter Bhagat Singh's resolute intentions. This is the second fight for freedom. Manish and Satyendra are today's Bhagat Singh. After 75 years, the country got an Education Minister who gave good education to the poor and gave hope for a bright future," Mr. Kejriwal tweeted. The Aam Aadmi Party claimed that Mr. Sisodia would be arrested on Monday and said that it was being done to ensure that he did not campaign during the upcoming Assembly election in Gujarat.

Searches by agency

The CBI had earlier conducted searches at several locations in Delhi, including the official residence of Mr. Sisodia, Gurugram, Chandigarh, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Bengaluru.

Based on its findings, it arrested Vijay Nair, former chief executive officer of Mumbai-based Only Much Louder, who is also the Aam Aadmi Party communication in-charge. It also arrested liquor businessman, Abhishek Boinpally, an associate of co-accused, Arun Ramchandra Pillai.

On the basis of the CBI case, the Enforcement Directorate is also conducting a money laundering probe and has searched about 130 locations in different States so far.

It has arrested liquor businessman Sameer Mahendru, the managing director of Indospirit Group, who is one of the accused in the FIR and recorded statements of several witnesses.

It is alleged that he transferred about ₹1 crore to the account of Radha Industries, which is managed by co-accused Dinesh Arora; and Mr. Pillai received money from him for further transfer to a public servant through Mr. Nair.

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Sisodia is a corruption agent filling Kejriwal's coffers: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Sunday hit out at Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for comparing his Ministers with freedom fighters.

BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia accused Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia of being a "corruption agent" who was busy filling Mr. Kejriwal's coffers.

"Manish Sisodia is less of a Deputy CM as he never serves people and is more of a corruption agent of Arvind Kejriwal," Mr. Bhatia said.

"Arvind Kejriwal compares himself with God and his Ministers with freedom fighters. I want to tell him that he should be ashamed to do so as his corrupt Ministers are filling his coffers while Bhagat Singh sacrificed his life for the country," he said.

He accused the AAP of playing "pressure politics" against probe agencies.

'Many challenges as India takes up G20 presidency'

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

India would be taking over the Group of Twenty (G20) presidency at "a time when there are so many challenges", Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

Speaking to reporters on Saturday night, towards the end of her visit to Washington for the World Bank and International Monetary Fund annual meetings, Ms. Sitharaman said that the current G20 President, Indonesia, had been through "a very difficult year" in the context of the geopolitical tensions.

This had resulted in the G20, which met in Washington this past week, not agreeing to a joint communique. Indonesia had, instead, issued a "G20 Chair's Summary".

Ms. Sitharaman said that Indonesia had done its best and "remained calm" while trying to bring the group together.

"So we will also be taking the presidentship at a time when there are so many challenges. So we'll have to work together with the membership to see how best we can navigate this whole thing," she said. When asked by *The Hindu*, later, if she wanted to elaborate on the differences, the Minister declined, saying these were being discussed with countries.

A lot more nimble

The Common Framework, a 2020 G20 initiative for debt sustainability, was not performing as much as expected and had "inherent handicaps", she said. "And there is a collective agreement that we have to make it a lot more nimble, so that countries can, you know, be ready to take it up," she said. Only a few countries were interested in subscribing to debt restructuring via the Common Framework, she said, and that too these were from the pre-COVID era, while the number of countries with vulnerabilities had grown post-COVID.

"And therefore, this issue of the Common Framework itself having to be tweaked or fine-tuned is an issue on which most countries agreed," Ms. Sitharaman said.

On the G20 Chair's Summary, the Minister said India's positions were factored in, such as dropping references on private finance in the climate finance context, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) initiatives on tracking countries' carbon mitigation progress, while including a reference to Multilateral Development Banks (MDB) reviewing G20 recommendations on the MDBs' Capital Adequacy Framework.

Nirmala Sitharaman

'ED is independent'

Asked about the perception that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Income Tax Department "go after" sections of civil society and private capital, Ms. Sitharaman insisted that the ED was "completely independent".

Think tanks such as the Centre for Policy Research, the Independent and Public-Spirited Media Foundation, and Oxfam India have recently been the subject of searches by authorities, and the government has been accused of weaponising institutions against detractors and critics.

"Well, ED is completely independent in what it does and it is an agency which follows on predicate offences. The first offence is already picked up by any other agency, whether it is a CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) or any other agency..." she said.

"But certainly, there are instances which are so standing out and if the ED goes there, it is with some *prima facie* evidence in its hand," she said.

Asked by *The Hindu* if she had raised the issue of the strength of the U.S. dollar with U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, the Minister said, "No, I didn't." However, responding to a question on her assessment of the rupee sliding, Ms. Sitharaman later said, "First of all, I would look at it not as 'rupee sliding', I would look at it as dollar strengthening; dollar strengthening incessantly."

The Minister said the INR had performed much better than many other emerging market currencies (against the U.S. dollar) and that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was involved in ensuring there was "not too much volatility", and was not trying to intervene in the market to fix the value of the rupee.

"Containing the volatility is the only exercise that RBI is involved in. And I've said this before – the rupee will find its own level," Ms. Sitharaman said.

The rupee is trading at above the 82-level against the U.S. dollar.

INBRIEF

'Shinde faction being used as 'contract killers' by the BJP'

Launching a scathing attack on the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena faction, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Sena group has accused their former colleagues of being used as "a contract killer" by the BJP to finish off the Shiv Sena. In a column in *Saamana*, the Thackeray camp lashed out at the ruling coalition of the Shinde-led Sena and the BJP, remarking that Delhi's politicos had finished off the Shiv Sena "on paper" by using "treachery and deceit."

Chhattisgarh Deputy Speaker Manoj Mandavi passes away

Chhattisgarh Assembly Deputy Speaker Manoj Mandavi, 58, died of heart attack on Sunday. The Congress MLA from Bhanupratappur, a former State Minister, was taken to a hospital in Dhamtari town here following a heart attack and died in the morning, State Congress communication wing head Sushil Anand Shukla said. As a mark of respect to the departed leader, the Chhattisgarh government has announced one-day mourning on Sunday in Kanker, his home district, and the capital city of Raipur, a public relations department officer said.

Visiting Egypt very much on PM Modi's mind: Jaishankar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has very good personal relationship with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and he has been wanting to visit the key north African country for some time, but the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the travel schedule, India's top diplomat has said. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who is in Egypt on his maiden visit at the invitation of his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry, made the remarks in response to a question during his interaction with the Indian community in Cairo on October 15. PTI

President Murmu undergoes successful cataract surgery

President Droupadi Murmu underwent a successful cataract surgery at the Army Hospital (Research and Referral) in Delhi on Sunday. "The President underwent surgery of her left eye at the Army Hospital Research and Referral, Delhi Cantt on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The surgery was conducted by Brig. S.K. Mishra and his team. The President was discharged from hospital at 1:30 p.m. and advised rest," said a press statement issued by the hospital.

BJP workers share views on Himachal candidates

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

As Himachal Pradesh is set to face Assembly election on November 12, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has decided to select its candidates through 'ballot voting' by party workers in the State.

BJP State president Suresh Kashyap on Sunday said that in order to select the candidates for the upcoming poll, the party is in the process of collecting opinions from its workers on their favoured candidates from the grassroots.

"Today, district meetings were called by the BJP in all four parliamentary constituencies – Shimla, Mandi, Hamirpur, and Kangra – of the State. In this meeting, the BJP State office-bearers, district and divisional office-bearers, chairman, vice-chairman, president of frontier organisations of the party, general secretaries, and winning candidates of Panchayati Raj institutions participated and gave their opinion to the party through 'ballot voting'," said Mr. Kashyap.

Reaching out: Shashi Tharoor campaigning on the eve of the Congress presidential poll in Lucknow on Sunday. SANDEEP SAXENA

Show courage to bring in change: Tharoor to Congress delegates

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

As his last pitch before voting for the Congress presidential election on Monday, Shashi Tharoor exhorted the 9,000-plus delegates to show courage to embrace "change" and that voting for him will send a message to the country that the Congress is ready to "change".

In a video message, both in English and Hindi, posted on social media and communicated to all delegates, Mr. Tharoor said his conversation with many of the voters revealed that they had not yet made up their mind and they might have hesitation about change.

He said the Congress, from the Green Revolution of 1960s to the 1991liberalisation and generational change after the death of Indira Gandhi, had always embraced change.

"In each of these instances many felt like you perhaps feel today, that change is discomfiting, yet it is precisely this very change that allowed our party to continue to remain relevant," he said.

Exchanging views: Mallikarjun Kharge with Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra at Ballari in Karnataka on Saturday. PTI

A strong Opposition needed to fight the BJP-led govt.: Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, who is contesting the election for the AICC president's post, on Sunday said the RSS-backed BJP government at the Centre was not functioning as per the Constitution and alleged that it was misusing the investigating agencies to destabilise the Congress-ruled governments in States.

Mr. Kharge, who was at the party office in Bengaluru to seek votes, alleged that the Narendra Modi government had no respect for democracy and it destabilised the Congress-ruled governments in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra and Manipur.

A strong Opposition was needed to fight the BJP-led government in the country for strengthening the democracy, Mr. Kharge said.

The veteran Congress leader alleged that the BJP had been dividing the society on religious lines and ignoring real issues such as inflation and unemployment.

Adopt 'one-person, one-lab' mantra, PM Modi exhorts CSIR society members

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Chairing a meeting of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) society on Saturday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorted its members to adopt an "one-person, one-lab approach".

Several of India's eminent scientists, industrialists and secretaries of scientific ministries are members of the society. The "one-person, one-lab approach" would require them to make at least 2-3 visits a year to an assigned CSIR lab and convey the society's scientific expectations to lab staff, persons who attended the meeting told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Modi, as Prime Minister, is also president of CSIR, a consortium of 37 laboratories and 39 outreach centres. A meeting of the society is held annually but meetings weren't held in the last two years because of the pandemic.

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INBRIEF

Tiger, which entered Bhopal institute, caught after a week

A tiger that entered the Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology's (MANIT) sprawling campus in Bhopal about a week ago was captured on Sunday, a forest official said. This is the second feline to have strayed into the prestigious institute, spread over an area of 650 acres enveloped by human settlements, the official said. Earlier, a tiger named T-123-4 sneaked into the institute on October 3 and killed two cows and attacked two other bovines. It is believed to have left the campus two days ago, the official said. The official added that 16 cameras had been installed in the institute and around 50 personnel were still keeping a watch on the campus. PTI

Seven killed as boat capsizes in Bihar, three swim to safety

Seven people were killed after a boat capsized at the confluence of the Ganges and one of its tributaries in Bihar, an official said on Sunday. According to Udayan Mishra, District Magistrate of Katihar, the boat carrying 10 people, all agricultural labourers returning from work, capsized late on Saturday at the confluence of the Ganges and the Barandi. Three persons swam to safety but the other seven went missing, said Mr. Mishra. Their bodies were fished out following a search operation that continued throughout the night, he added. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar expressed grief over the incident and ordered an ex gratia of ₹4 lakh. PTI

First indigenous aluminium freight train rake flagged off

The Railways' first indigenously manufactured aluminium goods train rake was flagged off from Bhubaneswar on Sunday. Made in collaboration with Besco Limited Wagon Division and aluminium major Hindalco, it also has a lower carbon footprint for every 100 kg of weight reduction in wagons, the Railways said. The lifetime carbon saving of the train was eight to 10 tonnes, it said. "These wagons save 14,500 tonnes of CO2 emissions, have more carrying capacity, consume less energy and are corrosion-resistant," Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

BJP names U.P. leader as its election in-charge in Tripura

Uttar Pradesh BJP leader Mahendra Singh, credited with the party's success in the Assam Assembly election of 2016, has been made the election in-charge of Tripura. BJP national president J.P. Nadda made the appointment on Sunday. Rajya Sabha member Samir Oran from Jharkhand was named the co-incharge. They will be in charge of the party's poll-related affairs till the completion of the Assembly election in Tripura that is due early February. Sources in the BJP said Mr. Oran was appointed with a view to garner support of Tripura's 33% tribal voters. Twenty of 60 Assembly seats in the State are reserved for the tribal population.

'India's coal mines are severely under-utilised amid push for new ones'

Though the country experienced supply crunch twice last year, a report suggests new projects under development could be 'unnecessary' as only two-thirds of the current capacity is under use

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

On average, India's coal mines use only two-thirds of the capacity, with some large ones using only 1%, says an analysis by Global Energy Monitor (GEM), a firm that tracks utilisation of the fuel-source internationally.

This suggests that 99 of India's coal mine projects, expected to yield 427 million tonnes per annum (MTPA), under development are unnecessary, and opening new coal mines would not contribute to easing short-term supply-crunches.

At least twice last year, India experienced severe coal crises, with more than 100 of 285 thermal power plants witnessing coal stocks fall below the critical mark of 25% of the required stock. In over 50 plants, it fell below 10%. This led to power shortages in several States, including Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh.

Irreversible impact: The report says that the new mines threaten to displace at least 165 villages and affect 87,630 families. AFP

GEM performed its analysis by surveying annual reports of Coal India, the largest coal producer in the world, and its subsidiaries and underlines that the company has not listed capacity constraints as among the reasons it fails to reach production targets.

Instead, it blames "..competition from renewables, infrastructure impasses, and land-use concerns for hindering output..." the report notes.

Coal mines under development threaten to displace at least 165 villages and affect 87,630 families, of which 41,508 live in areas where the predominant population is tribal communities. These also threaten 22,686 hectares (ha) of agricultural land and 19,297 ha of forest, and will consume at least 168,041 kilolitres of water per day, comparable to the daily water needs of over one million people, according to GEM.

On the heels of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement of a net zero target of 2070, these new mines "... increase India's likelihood of stranded assets, delay a clean energy future – and in the process pose irreversible impacts on India's rural communities and environments for the sake of economically precarious mining ventures", the report underlines.

'Warning signs ignored'

"The signs warning against the massive expansion of coal mining are easy to see, but the Indian government is not heeding them," Ryan Driskell Tate, project manager for GEM's Global Coal Mine Tracker, said in a statement.

"New mines can't make the industry's old problems go away. The irony of this expansion is that opening new mines today could intensify the sector's weaknesses and inefficiencies tomorrow, especially as competition from renewables and conflicts over land use continue to emerge."

India has potential to attract $475 billion in FDI in 5 years: report

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

FDI in India has seen consistent rise in the past decade. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Even as the COVID-19 pandemic and geopolitical conflict resulted in investor uncertainty, India has the potential to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows of $475 billion in the next five years due to the focus on reforms and economic growth, according to a report by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and EY.

The report noted that FDI in India has seen a consistent rise in the past decade, with FY 2021-22 receiving FDI inflow of $84.8 billion despite the impact of the pandemic and geopolitical developments on investment sentiment.

"India is seen as an emerging manufacturing hub in global value chains, as a growing consumer market and as a hub for ongoing digital transformation. In addition, in a rapidly changing geopolitical environment, India's large and stable democracy and consistent reform measures are recognized by the MNCs (multinational company)," the report said.

The report titled, *Vision – Developed India: Opportunities and Expectations of MNCs*, added that 71% of MNCs working in India consider the country an important destination for their global expansion. The optimism is driven by both short-term as well as long-term prospects. "A majority of MNCs feel that the Indian economy will perform significantly better in 3-5 years backed by 96% of respondents being positive about overall India's potential," the report said.

The confidence in India's potential, the report said, stems from strong consumption trends, digitisation and a growing services sector, along with government's strong focus on infrastructure and manufacturing. The Indian government's consistent efforts to reduce regulatory barriers is also stoking the positive perception among MNCs, it said.

Centre may not pick up fresh stocks of COVID-19 vaccines

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

FILE PICTURE

The government's COVID-19 vaccination programme is in its final leg with the Health Ministry deciding against procuring more vaccines as of now and surrendering ₹4,237 crore, or nearly 85% of the 2022-23 Budget allocation for inoculation purposes, to the Finance Ministry.

Official sources said more than 1.8 crore doses were still available with the Centre and the State governments, and the stock was sufficient to continue the vaccination drive for around six months, given the low uptake of vaccines among people due to declining COVID-19 case burden. Even if the government's stock got exhausted, the vaccines would be available in the market.

"Any decision on whether to procure COVID-19 vaccine doses through the government channel or get (fresh) budget allocations for the purpose after six months will depend on the coronavirus situation prevailing in the country at that time," said an official source.

Public dashboard to track progress of remediation of legacy landfills

Damini Nath
NEW DELHI

Preparations to complete one of the targets of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 that was launched a year ago – the remediation of all legacy landfills in the country – are in full swing and a public dashboard on the progress at 2,200 such sites is in the offing, Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry officials said.

Launched on October 1, 2021 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the mission aims at making all cities "garbage-free" by the end of its five-year period. An official said action plans for 1,000 legacy landfill sites had been approved by the Ministry, with each having a different timeline for completion.

To begin with, an official said, there was no data on the exact number of landfill sites. While landfills were only supposed to contain the remnants of solid waste after processing, the segregation and management were not carried out over the years, leaving mountains of trash. Any waste that has remained dumped for over three months is considered "legacy", the official said.

According to a Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry official, there are around 2,200 "sizeable" landfills in the country. FILE PICTURE

The process of reconciliation of the details of all such sites was on and the online dashboard that would be launched in November would contain the exact number, size and remediation plans of the sites, which are estimated to be around 2,200. These "sizeable" landfills each contain at least 1,000 tonnes of waste and their preparations would be completed in this financial year, the official added.

Through the portal, citizens would be able to track the progress of their cities' action plans for remediation of legacy landfills. The plans cover everything from remediation to the eventual reuse of the land. Once removed, the sites would free up 15,000 acres of land, the official said. For instance, the largest such landfill, in Mumbai, is spread over 300 acres and contains 2.60 crore tonnes of waste, according to the Ministry. Delhi's three landfills – Ghazipur, Bhalswa and Okhla – contain around 2.8 crore tonnes of waste. The official further said funding for action plans in cities had been increased. For example, Delhi's budget for remediation had gone up from ₹436 crore to ₹1,180 crore.

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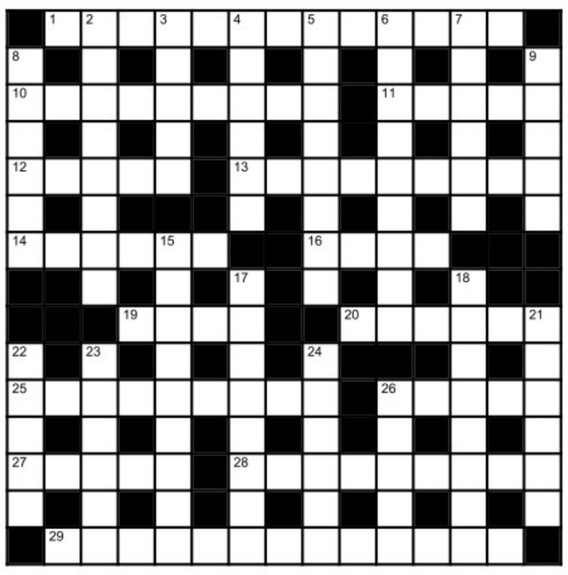

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1 Rap a dietician posing as doctor (13)
10 Difficult to tell about 3rd quarter of the financial year (9)
11 New tone created for musical composition (5)
12 Dirty dirty place. One in the rear? No in the front (5)
13 Admired first child training earlier, took a break outside (9)
14 Boats wind up in ship (6)
16 Like a son, say! (4)
19 Father takes over from son; ground's background (4)
20 Resign? No, I will cling on --- --- (6)
25 Criminal is rash, had gone out in commotion (9)
26 Laugh at dolt chasing female (5)
27 Fails to mention that leaders of organisations mentor individuals to shine (5)
28 Telecasting first in Amazon, 2nd in Netflix, Strings (without climax) movie's opening originally (9)
29 Peacekeepers' confidence commendable but duplicitous (13)

Down

2 Accommodate Bill's client without hesitation (8)
3 Dull noise, gurney being unloaded (5)
4 Programme at a road/yard where bees are kept (6)
5 Catastrophe! Cap missing from broken instrument (8)
6 Perhaps change held by Inuit, not krone but old currency (9)
7 Say, relative has a girl, new at college (last) (6)
8 Girl cries for gifts (6)
9 Heard you are in standard company finally, get scholarship (5)
15 Fresh roses for Pa and teacher (9)
17 Rinses Charlie's spectacles with some Aquadrop inside (8)
18 Dangerous mole in vessel. Destroy (8)
21 Not at home. Time for power-cut (6)
22 Cassette deck returns, old memories, picking the first disc (2-3)
23 Raja's signal holding up grant (6)
24 Hardship? Quit school, in lieu somewhat bravely take a loan (6)
26 Faculty from Florida broadcast (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Dharma takes precedence

Kausalya is shocked when Rama reveals to her that He is to go to the forest. Lakshmana angrily tells Rama that he will slay anyone who opposes Him. Kausalya is relieved when she hears Lakshmana's angry outburst. She again reasons with Rama. She says there can be no better dharma than serving one's mother, said Navalpakkam Vasudevachariar, in a discourse. Therefore, Rama must not go to the forest. Instead, He should stay back and serve Kausalya. No one can fault this. Let Rama relinquish the throne. Let Bharata be crowned the heir, says Kausalya. But there is no need for Rama to go to the forest. She gives the example of sage Kashyapa, who served his mother, to urge Rama to stay and serve her (Kausalya.).

If Dasaratha deserves respect because He is Rama's father, does she not equally deserve respect as His mother? She does not care for the comforts of the palace, and is prepared to eat simple food and live a simple life, so long as she is not separated from her son. But Rama refuses to disobey His father. It is not dharmic to disregard one's father's commands, Rama argues, citing the example of many who obeyed their fathers unquestioningly. He then turns to Lakshmana and says that He is fully aware of Lakhmana's valour and his loyalty towards Him. But even courage must take a back seat when it comes to righteousness. When dharma is at stake, it is not the time to display one's fighting spirit. He adds that not only He, but all the others whether it is Kausalya, or Sumitra, or Lakshmana or Sita, they are all duty-bound to obey Dasaratha. He prays to Kausalya to grant HIm permission to depart to the forest. But Kausalya is steadfast in refusing permission.

RAMALLAH

Palestinian injured by Israel gunshot in West Bank dies

A Palestinian man died on Sunday of an Israeli army gunshot wound sustained during clashes the day before in a village of the occupied West Bank. Apart from the deceased, another Palestinian was critically wounded by gunfire in the clashes on Saturday in Qarawat Bani Hassan, near the city of Nablus in West Bank. AFP

PARIS

Nobel laureate Annie Ernaux takes part in protest against price rise

Three weeks into a refinery strike that has caused fuel shortages across France, tens of thousands of protesters marched in Paris on Sunday, adding to a growing picture of defiance and anger about inflation. The protest was called by the left-wing political Opposition and saw Nobel laureate Annie Ernaux taking part. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Byelections to 11 constituencies in Pakistan to test parties' popularity

Ahead of general elections next year, Pakistan's major political parties' popularity was put to test on Sunday in a major byelection involving 11 constituencies. Polling started at 8 a.m. on eight national assembly and three provincial assembly seats. Former Prime Minister Imran Khan is contesting in all seats. AFP

LONDON

Climate activists spray paint over Aston Martin showroom in U.K.

Climate activists sprayed orange paint over an Aston Martin showroom in London, as the government vowed new powers for the police to halt an intensifying wave of "direct action" protests. The group 'Just Stop Oil', whose member was behind the act, wants an end to new fossil fuel licensing and production. GETTY IMAGES

PLA officer part of Galwan clash attends party congress

Commander Qi Fabao was among Communist Party of China's 2,296 delegates from around the country — a politically significant move that is meant to send a signal both at home and abroad

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Minutes before Chinese leader Xi Jinping ascended the stage at Beijing's Great Hall of the People to open China's once-in-five-years party congress on October 16, the screens at the venue played a video showcasing the country's major achievements in the past decade.

Among the expected visuals of China's space programme and its new homegrown passenger jet, the C919, was an image from Galwan Valley on the India-China border.

The image showed the PLA Commander Qi Fabao, standing with his arms outstretched facing Indian soldiers, an image that Chinese military propaganda has widely circulated since the Galwan clash.

The PLA commander was not only on the Great Hall of the People's screens but in the audience during Mr. Xi's speech. He was selected among Communist Party of China's 2,296 delegates from around the country – a politically significant move, observers said, that was meant to send a signal both at home and abroad.

Bone of contention: PLA regimental commander Qi Fabao, second from left, talking with members of the Indian army as Indian and Chinese troops faced off in the Galwan Valley on June 15, 2020. AP

The PLA's aggressive moves along the Line of Actual Control starting in April 2020 have plunged ties with India to the lowest level in decades. The clash in Galwan Valley, in which Qi Fabao was involved and injured, led to the loss of lives of 20 Indian soldiers and at least four Chinese soldiers, marking the worst violence on the border since 1967. The PLA has since dragged its feet in disengaging and de-escalating. Both sides have disengaged at five friction points, but are yet to in Demchok and Depsang.

The Galwan clash has, however, remained a key narrative point for the Chinese military in the past three years. It even figured in the PLA's 95th anniversary exhibition that Mr. Xi inaugurated last year.

Qi Fabao was this year chosen among the military's delegates to the congress. In July 2021, Mr. Xi, who in his speech to the opening of the congress on October 16, pledged to "resolutely safeguard sovereignty", bestowed the Communist Party's July 1 medal, to mark its 100-year anniversary, on Chen Hongjun, one of the four PLA soldiers reported killed in the clash.

Mr. Xi said then that the recipients of the medal had "maintained staunch faith" which was "to stay true to the original aspiration and dedicate everything, even the precious life, to the cause of the Party and people".In 2021, the Chinese military also organised a series of activities so more people in China could "learn how PLA heroes, including the martyrs of the Galwan Valley conflict, defended and guarded the country's borders".

Four killed as fire breaks out in jail housing Iran's political prisoners

Associated Press
CAIRO

A towering blaze at a notorious prison housing political prisoners and anti-government activists in Iran's capital killed four inmates, the country's judiciary said on Sunday.

Flames and thick smoke rising from Tehran's Evin Prison had been widely visible on Saturday evening, as nationwide anti-government protests triggered by the death of a young woman, Mahsa Amini, in police custody entered a fifth week. In online videos, gunshots and explosions could be heard in the area housing the prison.

The blaze was extinguished after several hours and no detainees escaped, state media said.

Authorities have attempted to distance the events at the prison from the ongoing protests, while state media has offered conflicting accounts of the violence.

Simmering unrest: Flames and thick smoke rising from the Evin prison in the Iranian capital of Tehran on Saturday night. AFP

Hundreds are being held at Evin, where human rights groups have reported repeated abuses of prisoners.

State media originally reported nine persons were injured but the judiciary-affiliated website *Mizan.news* on Sunday said four inmates died of smoke inhalation and 61 others were injured. It said all four who died were in prison on robbery convictions.

Ten inmates were hospitalised, with four of them in serious condition, *Mizan* reported. It said some prisoners had tried to escape but failed.

"This fire was caused by a fight between some prisoners in a sewing workshop," said Tehran Gov. Mohsen Mansouri.

Iranian social media posts challenged state media claims over the cause of the fire and apparent explosions at the prison.

The U.S.-based Center for Human Rights in Iran reported that an "armed conflict" broke out within the prison walls.

The prison fire occurred as protesters intensified anti-government demonstrations along main streets and at universities in some cities across Iran on Saturday. Human rights monitors reported hundreds dead, including children, as the movement concluded its fourth week.

Gunmen kill 11, injure 15 at Russian army training area

Reuters
KYIV

Gunmen shot dead 11 persons at a Russian military training ground, the Defence Ministry said, in the latest blow to President Vladimir Putin's forces since the invasion of Ukraine.

RIA news agency cited the Ministry as saying 15 others were wounded in the shooting on Saturday, in Russia's southwestern Belgorod region that borders Ukraine, when two men gunned down a group who had volunteered to take part in the war.

It said the two assailants – nationals from an unspecified former Soviet republic – had been shot dead. Oleksiy Arestovych, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, said that the attackers were from the Central Asian nation of Tajikistan and had opened fire on the others after an argument over religion.

Tajikistan is a predominantly Muslim nation, while around half of Russians follow various branches of Christianity.

No government can control the market, says U.K. Chancellor

Reuters
LONDON

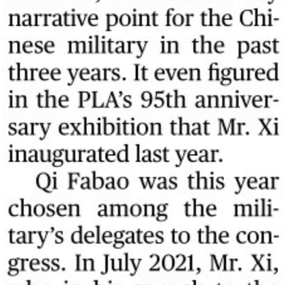
Britain's new Finance Minister Jeremy Hunt promised to win back the country's economic credibility by accounting for every penny of the government's tax and spending plans, while insisting that his boss Prime Minister Liz Truss remained in overall charge.

Ms. Truss appointed Mr. Hunt on Friday in an attempt to rescue her leadership.

Investors have sold British government bonds heavily since September 23 when Mr. Hunt's predecessor, Kwasi Kwarteng, announced a string of unfunded tax cuts without publishing a set of independent economic forecasts.

"No government can control the markets. No Chancellor should seek to do that," Mr. Hunt told *BBC* television in an interview broadcast on Sunday.

Britain's economy is at risk of going into recession at the same time as the Bank of England is raising interest rates to control soaring inflation.



Jeremy Hunt

Ms. Truss – who won the leadership of the Conservative Party barely a month ago after promising to slash taxes – fired Mr. Kwarteng on Friday and has ditched key parts of the programme they agreed together.

Discontent in party

The chaos has fuelled discontent in the governing party, which fell far behind the Opposition Labour Party in opinion polls. Sunday's newspapers were rife with stories of plans to replace Ms. Truss.

Even U.S. President Joe Biden criticised Ms. Truss's original economic plan as a mistake.

Four injured in shooting outside U.S. varsity library

Associated Press
ATLANTA

Four persons were shot, including three students, during Clark Atlanta University's homecoming outside a campus library early on Sunday, authorities said.

A large group of people were listening to a DJ near Atlanta University Center's Robert W Woodruff Library around 12:30 a.m. It was around this time that the officers on patrol in the area heard gunshots, the Atlanta police said.

Shots fired from vehicle

A preliminary investigation into the incident found three students and another person were wounded when shots were fired from a vehicle, Clark Atlanta University said.

One of the victims was grazed and refused medical attention, Atlanta police said. Three others were taken to a hospital, though they were conscious and alert.

Clark Atlanta is part of Atlanta University Center's consortium of historically Black colleges.

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ASKUS

K. Nitya Kalyani

A person I know died recently in an accident. He used to work for a consultancy. He was in his early 20s and had been working for 4 to 5 months. I wanted to help his family get life insurance and pension fund amount that is due. The company people are not cooperative. What can I do to know about group insurance amount and what is due to his family?
DIPENDRA ADHIKARI

To help make the claim you first need information on the insurance policies that this person may have been covered under. The family can help you with any documents like identity cards of mass health insurance or accident insurance schemes or bank statement showing deduction of premium - which happens in the May, June or July each year for the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana Scheme for example.
If his employer took documents for making a claim, it could be a group insurance scheme through the employer. Please ask for the information in writing and send a copy to the insurance company or government department concerned that runs the scheme. You can try to find related information out through employees' groups or associations or unions if any. His peers and colleagues or perhaps a right-thinking person in the human resources or accounts department may help with this lead. With this information, you can work towards making claims or trace if any claims have already been made and money received by a third party.
If you draw a blank again, please explore options of getting information from the insurer or the government department concerned through RTI.

I am 29-year old single working professional living with my 56-year-old, retired father.
Currently I have group insurance from my employer and am planning to take separate health insurance additionally. So far ,neither me nor my father has had health insurance. Should I go for individual or a family floater plans?
KARTHIKEYAN V.

Your father will get the premium suited to his age either way. Taking separate policies is advisable for the reasons you say, but first see how the premiums work out for family and individual policies where family discounts also come into play. In a family policy, you can still have floater and individual sums assured. Get quotations for different options and your decisions are easier. Also, remember that when you get married and have children, those premiums also will move in tandem with the premium for the oldest person under the policy.
Ahead of all this, please enrol your father in your employer's health insurance scheme if that is possible.

I am a 19-year-old degree student. I am financially dependent on my parents but would like to start learning about insurance policies and be generally financially independent by the time I start earning. What books or other resources would you suggest for an absolute beginner like me?
KAVYA

Please start with respected personal finance sections of leading publications like The Hindu's weekly MoneyWise page that carries articles on insurance as well as savings and investment topics.
The websites of regulators such as Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India , Reserve Bank of India and Securities and Exchange Board of India and self-regulatory organisations like Association of Mutual Funds of India have a wealth of authentic and timely information on the investments they oversee. You can learn what to do and what to avoid, get the pulse of trends. From websites of companies that offer the actual financial products, like insurance companies or mutual funds, you can get product information including their financial implications. This can be the starting point of the exciting journey you are embarking on. All the best!
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Travel with the right cover for senior citizens

An ideal travel insurance policy for the elderly should sufficiently cover them on all fronts. Hence, it is essential to examine the inclusions and exclusions of the plan thoroughly

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Amit Chhabra

As skies open up after the pandemic, travellers are off to favourite destinations again to make up for the time spent in seclusion.

While the travel sector swung back to pre-pandemic levels in no time, travellers are now well-versed with safety measures that go beyond masks and sanitisers. More people are now seeing travel insurance as an integral part of their trip to ensure absolute protection in case they happen to encounter an unforeseen event on their journey. This includes senior citizens who had to practise extra caution, especially during the peak of the pandemic.

Here's all you need to know before choosing a travel plan for the elderly:

Pre-existing diseases
While a regular travel plan may shield travellers from standard hospitalisation bills, they often don't cover pre-existing diseases or PEDs. Hence, for senior citizens, it's always advisable to opt for a plan which provides coverage in case of life-threatening conditions arising out of PEDs.

Usually, the coverage goes up to $10,000, which adequately protects an individual in case of a medical emergency due to an existing condition. Apart from this, there are plans available that provide coverage of $2,500 and $1,500, depending on your requirement and budget.

> For senior citizens, it's always advisable to opt for a plan which provides coverage in case of life-threatening conditions arising out of pre-existing diseases

Usually available for anyone between the age of 61 to 99 years and beyond, these policies consider both age and pre-existing diseases. Moreover, they provide broad benefits such as hospitalisation, ICU cost, doctor visits, and surgeries, apart from baggage loss, flight delays, cancellations, etc.

Longer duration stay
It's not uncommon for youngsters to move abroad for better opportunities. Often, most of them find stability there and even settle permanently outside of India. In such cases, their parents might need to visit them, and often stay for longer duration.

Senior citizen travel plans come to their rescue in these situations. There are plans that cover the elderly for 180 day. Depending upon the need, these plans can be further extended to an additional 180 days. This gives them a complete year in case they need to be a part of their children's life milestones like marriage or childbirth.

Plans sans sub-limits
Similar to health insurance, travel insurance plans also come with sub-limits. And just like health insurance, it is advised to not have sub-limits in your travel plans as well. Especially when it comes to senior citizens, these restrictions can limit coverage.

Essentially, sub-limits means capping on the sum assured or the benefits included. It could mean exclusion of a certain kind of medical expense or curtailment of benefits. To avoid such a situation, it's better to opt for plans that have no sub-limits. In this case, only for a small additional premium, the policyholder will be able to waive off any sub-limit and safeguard themselves against any untoward situation.

Since senior citizens are more prone to health risks, it's best to prevent an unpredictable financial adversity by purchasing a plan without sub-limits.

Comprehensive cover
Comprehensive coverage is a non-negotiable factor in senior citizen travel plans. It means adequate sum assured and a wide range of network hospitals to keep you secure at all times. Your premium might vary as per your risk profile. For instance, when travelling to countries like the USA and Canada or Schengen countries, the premium will be higher as the medical cost in these countries in higher compared with India or other Asian countries. However, there are plans that require no medical check-ups, covers PEDs and cashless hospitalisation that are ideal for the elderly.

Travel benefits
An ideal travel insurance policy for the elderly should sufficiently cover them on all fronts. Hence, it is essential to examine the inclusions and exclusions of the plan thoroughly. The policy should cover everything from pre-existing diseases to ICU expenses to trip delays and cancellations to passport loss.

Transparency
Travelling internationally uninsured means carrying high health and financial risk. Also, disclosing every piece of information to your insurer is as important as buying the policy. Irrespective of your health condition, be open to your insurer to avoid the rejection of your claim later.

This phase of life is often free from any responsibilities and is considered to be the best time to explore the world. So, don't forget to cover yourself adequately to make the best of this time. In addition, read the documents carefully and check for exclusions.

Finally, compare the benefits and prices of various policies online to make an informed decision.
(The writer is Head, Health and Travel Insurance, Policybazaar.com)

Green investments

THINKINVESTOR

You could explore ESG investments as part of legacy portfolio. You would have then achieved twofold goal – contribution to protect the environment as well as creating wealth for family

Venkatesh Bangaruswamy

With the world increasingly facing natural disasters, it is small wonder many institutional investors consider climate as an important factor when taking investment decisions. Here, we discuss whether environment factors should be integrated into your goal-based investments.

Climate risk refers to the significant changes in climate that can have adverse economic implications. So, companies causing adverse impact on climate can have negative implications on financial performance. On the positive side, companies that adopt clean technologies could be rewarded by the investors. This is broadly true for firms embracing Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) factors.

The developed world has vowed to bring greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to sustainable levels by 2050 to prevent irreversible damage to the environment. Translating this and other global initiatives into investment decisions, financial markets could consistently assign higher valuations to companies that maintain high level of ESG compliance. You can consider investments in such firms through ESG-dedicated equity funds. These are funds that invest in companies forming part of an ESG Index. NSE, for instance, has the Nifty100 ESG Index which reflects the performance of companies in the Nifty 100 Index with weights based on ESG scores.

Conclusion
Concepts could take time to catch on. Europe has been a pioneer in ESG norms with some countries initiating ESG investment mandates before the concept caught on at a corporate level in some non-European countries.

That said, ESG as a concept is not new to India. SEBI requires top 1,000 listed companies to issue Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report that includes ESG concepts in its disclosures. India also has a green bond market, proceeds of which are used to fund renewable energy projects. Whether ESG investing will catch on in India is moot; institutional investors must initiate compelling ESG mandates before such investments becomes mainstream. That means it would be appropriate to keep ESG investments outside of intermediate goal-based portfolios till time such investments gain traction.

You could explore ESG investments as part of legacy portfolio (wealth for children after your lifetime) or for parking surplus savings. You would have then achieved a two-fold objective – your contribution to protect the environment as well as creating wealth for your family.

(The author offers training programmes for individuals to manage their personal investments)

Personal Loans

Rates and Charges — Loan amount 5 lakh Tenure 5 years — Loan amount 1 lakh Tenure 5 years — (% of loan amount)

Name of Lender	Interest Rate (%)	EMI (Rs)	EMI (Rs)	Processing fee
HDFC Bank	11.00 onwards	10,871 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to Rs 4,999
Citibank	10.75% onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 3%
Tata Capital	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 2.75%
State Bank of India	10.30 -15.10	10,697-11,921	2,139-2,384	Up to 1.50% (Rs 1,000-Rs 15,000)
ICICI Bank	10.75 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 2.50%
Bank of Baroda	10.20 -17.55	10,673-12,575	2,135-2,515	Up to 2% (Min. Rs 1,000 and Max. Rs 10,000)
Axis Bank	10.75 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	1.5%-2%
Kotak Mahindra Bank	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 3%
Bank of India	11.25-14.25	10,934-11,699	2,187-2,340	Up to 1% (Maximum Rs 5,000)
Canara Bank	12.10-15.80	11,148-12,106	2,230-2,421	Up to 1%
Punjab National Bank	9.80-16.35	10,574-12,252	2,115-2,450	Up to 1%
HSBC Bank	9.25-15.50	10,440-12,027	2,088-2,405	Up to 2%
Federal Bank	10.49-17.99	10,744-12,694	2,149-2,539	Up to 3%
Union Bank of India	10.80-14.90	10,821-11,869	2,164-2,374	Up to 1% (Maximum Rs 7,500)
Bajaj Finserv	13.00 onwards	11,377 onwards	2,275 onwards	Upto 4%
Punjab & Sind Bank	10.55-12.15	10,759-11,160	2,152-2,232	Up to 1%
South Indian Bank	12.25-20.00	11,185-13,247	2,237-2,649	Up to 2%
UCO Bank	11.45-12.20	10,984-11,173	2,197-2,235	Up to 1%
IDFC First Bank	10.75 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 3.50%
Bank of Maharashtra	10.20-14.70	10,673-11,816	2,135-2,363	Up to 1%
Indian Overseas Bank*	11.90-12.90	11,097-11,351	2,219-2,270	Up to 0.75%
Karnataka Bank	13.18	11,423	2,285	Up to 0.25% (Minimum Rs 250)
IndusInd Bank	10.49 onwards	10,744 onwards	2,149 onwards	Up to 3%

*1.00% Special Interest Concession to Borrowers with CIC Score of 800 and above

Car Loans

Rates and Charges — Loan amount 5 lakh Tenure 1 year — (% of loan amount)

Name of Lender	Interest Rate (%)	EMI (Rs)	Processing fee
Union Bank of India	8.40-10.20	10,234-10,673	Up to Rs. 1,000
Punjab National Bank	8.55-9.40	10,270-10,477	0.25% (Rs 1,000 -Rs 1,500)
Bank of Baroda	8.45-11.75	10,246-11,059	Up to 0.50% (Rs 2,500 - Rs 10,000)
Canara Bank	8.80-11.50	10,331-10,996	NIL till 31st December 2022
Bank of India	8.30-10.25	10,210-10,685	NIL
UCO Bank	8.80 - 10.05	10,331-10,636	1% (Upto Rs 1,500)
State Bank of India	7.85-8.65	10,102-10,294	NIL
IDBI Bank	8.60 - 9.90	10,282-10,599	Rs 2,500
Bank of Maharashtra*	8.70-12.20	10,307-11,173	NIL
Indian Overseas Bank**	9.45	10,489	NIL till 31st December 2022
ICICI Bank	8.25 onwards	10,198 onwards	Rs 999-Rs 9,000
HDFC Bank	8.35 onwards	10,222 onwards	Up to 0.50% (Rs 3,500-Rs 8,000)
Karnataka Bank	8.69-10.74	10,304-10,806	Up to 0.60% (Rs 2,500-Rs 11,000)
Federal Bank	10.40	10,722	Rs 2,000 - Rs 4,500
Axis Bank	8.20-13.05	10,186-11,389	Rs 3,500-Rs 5,500
South Indian Bank	11.05-12.50	10,884-11,249	1% (Max: Rs. 10,000)
City Union Bank	13.50-14.00	11,505-11,634	1% (Min: Rs 250)

*0.25% interest rate concession for existing housing loan borrowers and corporate salary account holder. 0.05% concession on interest rate to women & armed forces personnel subject to minimum floor ceiling of RLLR.
**0.50% interest rate concession to borrowers with credit scores of 800 and above. Interest rate concession of 0.20% to borrowers for financing Electric 4 Wheelers

Rates and charges as on October 13 — **Source: Paisabazaar.com**

CRICKET

11-year-old Drushil gets a chance to bowl to Rohit in India nets

Drushil Chauhan, an 11-year-old cricket enthusiast, had a moment to remember when he got an opportunity to bowl to skipper Rohit Sharma during India's practice session in Perth ahead of the T20 World Cup. Drushil was invited to the dressing room as well. He was one of many kids present for the morning session.

FOOTBALL

India faces Brazil in its final group game in women's under-17 WC

Host India will play for pride in its final Group A game against Brazil in the FIFA under-17 women's World Cup in Bhubaneswar on Monday. India is out of contention after losing its matches against USA and Morocco. Head coach Thomas Dennerby will hope to finish the campaign on a high with a good performance against Brazil.

MOTORSPORTS

Rins wins Australian MotoGP as Quartararo crashes out

Spain's Alex Rins stormed won the Australian MotoGP on Sunday with World championship leader Fabio Quartararo crashing out. Rins finished 0.186s ahead of Spanish great Marc Marquez, who claimed his 100th premier class podium.

Francesco Bagnaia was a close third.

KABADDI

Inamdar, Mohit take Paltan to first win of the season

Puneri Paltan showed determination right from the word go when it took on U Mumba in the Pro Kabaddi League in Bengaluru on Sunday. Raiders Aslam Inamdar and Mohit Goyat scored 14 points together as Paltan defeat U Mumba 30-28 and registered its first victory of the season. UP Yoddhas beat Bengaluru Bulls 44-37.

Frylinck is the star as Namibia pulls a fast one on Sri Lanka

African minnows look to repeat last edition heroics of making the Super 12s; Netherlands edges past UAE

T20 WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
GEELONG

Jan Frylinck smashed 44 runs and took two wickets as Namibia hammered Asia Cup champion Sri Lanka by 55 runs for a major upset in the opening match of the Twenty20 World Cup here on Sunday.

The left-handed Frylinck and J.J. Smit, who made an unbeaten 31, lifted Namibia to 163 for seven with their 69-run seventh-wicket stand after being invited to bat.

Sri Lanka was then bowled out for 108 in 19 overs with David Wiese, Frylinck, Bernard Scholtz and Ben Shikongo taking two wickets each.

The African minnows are on course for a second straight Super 12 place after they did it on debut last year in the United Arab Emirates.

Namibia lost its openers inside three overs and then slipped to 93 for six, but Frylinck, who hit four fours in his 28-ball innings, and Smit had other ideas.

The pair took the attack to the opposition with five fours and two sixes in the final five overs.

Then, Shikongo silenced Lankan fans when he sent back Pathum Nissanka for nine and Danushka Gunathilaka for nought off consecutive balls. Bhanuka Rajapaksa played out the hat-trick ball, surviving a big lbw shout.

In the second match of the day, the Netherlands edged past the United Arab Emirates by three wickets.

The scores: Namibia 163/7 in 20 overs (Stephan Baard 26, Jan Frylinck 44, J.J. Smit 31 n.o.) bt Sri Lanka 108 in 19 overs (Dasun Shanaka 29). **Toss:** Sri Lanka; **MoM:** Frylinck.

UAE 111/8 in 20 overs (Muhammad Waseem 41; Bas de Leede 3/19) lost to Netherlands 112/7 in 19.5 overs (Junaid Siddique 3/24). **Toss:** UAE; **MoM:** de Leede.

Calling the shots: Frylinck pulled Namibia out of a hole and proceeded to take the attack to the opposition. AFP

Baladhaneshwar sparkles in Chennai Heat's win

INBL

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

A fast and dramatic third quarter helped Chennai Heat defeat Delhi Dribblers 85-70 in the first Indian National Basketball League (INBL) at the Rajiv Gandhi indoor stadium here on Sunday.

Chennai, which trailed 38-43 at half-time, looked shaky in the first two quarters and its rebound collection did not inspire confidence too.

On the other hand, Delhi's Rishab Mathur and Gaurav Chandel were in fine nick while Indian centre Piyush Meena did a decent job with the rebounds.

But the match turned around sharply soon after half-time. Suddenly, Chennai looked very fast with captain Baladhaneshwar surprising the rival defence with his lightning raids, steals, baskets and fine assists. He was clearly the star of the game and Delhi could not do much to stop him.

Intense action: The Heat-Dribblers match was exciting. H. VIBHU

The team's passing too was impressive during this phase and A. Surya and B. Soorya were on a scoring spree. The team tightened its defence too, cutting out the space for its rival, and in the end won the match comfortably.

"We were lacking in defence in the first half and took time to settle down," said Chennai's India captain Muin Bek Hafeez.

Later in another thriller, home team Kochi Tigers edged past Chandigarh Warriors 81-75.

The results (league): Chennai Heat 85 (Baladhaneshwar Poiyamozhi 25, A. Surya 21, B. Soorya 14, Muin Bek Hafeez 12) bt Delhi Dribblers 70 (Rishab Mathur 14, Gaurav Chandel 13, Rajeev Kumar 10, Piyush Meena 10).
Kochi Tigers 81 (Vaishakh K. Manoj 25, Sejin Mathew 20, Lalrina Renthlei 18) bt Chandigarh Warriors 75 (Sahil 15, Gurbaz Singh Sandhu 12, Rajan Sandhu 10, Palpreet Singh Brar 10).
Mumbai Titans 88 (Sahaj Patel 16, Sameer Qureshi 16, Sayeed Yousuf 14, Vivek Goli 13, Mirant Italia 11) bt Bengaluru Kings 70 (C.R. Abhishek Gowda 16, B.K. Anil Kumar 11, Pratyanshu Tomar 10, B.M. Manoj 10).

Real too hot for Barcelona; Liverpool beats Man City

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Real Madrid beat Barcelona 3-1 in the Clasico to overtake its rival and climb to the top of LaLiga on Sunday.

Karim Benzema opened the scoring in the 12th minute by converting a rebound after Marc-Andre ter Stegen saved from Vinicius Junior. Fede Valverde drilled home the second from the edge of the box before the break.

Ferran Torres pulled one back for Barcelona in the final stages after good work by Ansu Fati, but Rodrygo won and converted a late penalty to ensure Carlo Ancelotti's reigning champion inflicted Barcelona's first domestic defeat of the season.

Real ended the Catalans' seven-game winning streak in the league and added to the still-raw pain of its struggles in Europe, where it is on the verge of Champions League elimination.

In the Premier League, Mohamed Salah produced a moment of magic as Liverpool condemned Manchester City to its first defeat of the season.

The Egyptian forward's stunning goal in the 76th minute sealed a 1-0 win after a crackling contest at Anfield and left champion City four points behind the Gunners, who won by the same scoreline at Leeds. Bukayo Saka scored for Arsenal against the run of play in the 35th minute when he latched on to Martin Odegaard's through-ball to smash his shot over 'keeper Illan Meslier's head from a narrow angle.

A Mason Mount double secured a 2-0 win for Chelsea at Aston Villa and Manchester United played out a 0-0 stalemate against Newcastle, while Southampton drew 1-1 with West Ham.

Striking home: Valverde widened Real's lead after Benzema had put the team in front. REUTERS

Proving the difference: Salah's 76th-minute goal helped Liverpool hand Manchester City its first defeat of the season. REUTERS

Important results:

LaLiga: Real Madrid 3 (Benzema 12, Valverde 35, Rodrygo 90+1) bt Barcelona 1 (Torres 83).

Premier League: Aston Villa 0 lost Chelsea 2 (Mount 6, 65); Manchester United 0 drew with Newcastle 0; Southampton 1 (Perraud 20) drew with West Ham 1 (Rice 64); Liverpool 1 (Salah 76) bt Manchester City 0; Leeds 0 lost to Arsenal 1 (Saka 35).

Serie A: Inter Milan 2 (Martinez 14, Barella 58) bt Salernitana 0.

The influencer: It was Petratos' day out as he swung the contest ATK MB's way. THULASI KAKKAT

Petratos' treble leaves Blasters stunned

M.R. Praveen Chandran
KOCHI

ATK Mohun Bagan maintained its hegemony over Kerala Blasters in the ISL by registering an impressive 5-2 win at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium here on Sunday.

In a match played under persistent drizzle, ATK MB survived an electric start from Blasters and punished the Kochi side for its defensive errors.

After Ivan Kaliuzhnyi's opening goal in the eight minute, Blasters faded away even as Dimitrios Petratos' hat-trick (26, 62 & 90+2) spurred the Kolkata side on.

Joni Kauko (38) and Lenny Rodrigues (88), too, got into the scorers' list to silence the capacity crowd. In between, substitute K.P. Rahul pulled one back for Blasters in the 80th when ATK MB goalkeeper Vishal Kaith allowed the ball to slip in through his legs.

ATK MB was more assertive in the second half with Liston Colaco proving to be a menace on the right flank. The midfielder found an unmarked Petratos with a through ball to put his side 3-1 ahead in the 62nd minute. Blasters were left playing catch-up after that goal.

Earlier, Kaliuzhnyi made his presence felt for Blasters. Dimitrios Diamantakos stole the ball from Petratos and passed to Kaliuzhnyi who sent Sama clear. The cut back was booted in by the Ukranian.

To its credit, ATK MB soaked up the pressure and slowly started to assert itself through moves from the flanks. The equaliser came in the 26th minute when Frenchman Hugo Boumous moved unchallenged into the box from the left and squared to an unmarked Petratos, who tapped home into an open net. That opened the floodgates for ATK MB.

The result:

Kerala Blasters 2 (Kaliuzhnyi 8, Rahul 80) lost to ATK Mohun Bagan 5 (Petratos 26, 62 & 90, Kauko 38, Rodrigues 88).

Tajinderpal braves the elements to clinch medal

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Slippery conditions, cold and damp weather, and a makeshift shot put field – nothing could deter Tajinderpal Singh Toor from clinching the gold at the 61st National Open athletics championships at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Sunday.

The Asian record holder came up with 20.68m heave, 24cm shy of his own meet record.

If a torrential downpour before the start of evening session made it incredibly difficult for athletes to stay warm and also grip the Shot, the shifting of the rink to a small area between the track and the ring fence near the stands made them feel claustrophobic.

Competitors weren't pleased that they were denied the main turf, both in training and competition, for the fear of damaging the grass that would affect ISL football activities.

A Karnataka Athletics Association (KAA) official confirmed that the State government's Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports (DYES) had barred them from using the area and that hammer throw would be shifted to the adjacent 200m track. Javelin and discus would however continue in the main field.

"The same thing happened in Delhi too," said

Heave ho! Torrential rain could not stop Tajinderpal from taking the top spot. K. MURALI KUMAR

gold-medallist Tajinderpal. "Athletes should be allowed to train. The feeling is different [in the restricted space] than compared to where we are supposed to throw."

Inderjeet Singh, a bronze medallist here and a former Asian champion, said: "It's because of that (makeshift arena) all my throws were going out of the arc. I was finding it difficult to grip. I'm requesting the authorities to help the athletes who are winning medals for the country."

Elsewhere, K. Elakkiyadasan and Srabani Nanda clinched the men's and women's 100m titles.

In women's 400m, Subha Venkatesan came up her personal best timing of 52.67s to secure gold.

The results:

Men: 100m: 1. K. Elakkiyadasan (Rly) 10.37s, 2. Harjit Singh (Ser) 10.52, 3. B. Siva Kumar (Rly) 10.54; **400m:** 1. Rajesh Ramesh (Rly) 46.63, 2. Ayush Dabas (Rly) 46.86, 3. W. Nihal Joel (Kar) 47.03; **1500m:** 1. Parvej Khan (Ser) 3:46.41, 2. Abhishek Singh Thakur (MP) 3:46.43, 3. Ritesh Ohre (MP) 3:46.43;
Long jump: 1. Yugant Shekhar Singh (Rly) 7.59m, 2. K. Mohammed Asief (Ker) 7.57, 3. S. Arya (Kar) 7.49; **Shot put:** 1. Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Ser) 20.68m, 2. Karanveer Singh (Rly) 20.10, 3. Inderjeet Singh (Har) 18.48.
Women: 100m: 1. Srabani Nanda (Odi) 11.55s, 2. Himashree Roy (Rly) 11.56, 3. Archana S. Suseendran (TN) 11:58; **400m:** 1. Subha Venkatesan (TN) 52.67, 2. Sonia Baishya (Rly) 53.38, 3. Dandi Jyothika Sri (And) 53.43; **1500m:** 1. K.M. Deeksha (MP) 4:23.03, 2. Ankita (Rly) 4:23.25, 3. Lili Das (WB) 4:23.91;
Heptathlon: 1. Swapna Barman (Rly) 5798 pts, 2. Sowmiya Murugan (Rly) 5393, 3. Sonu Kumari (Rly) 5132.

INBRIEF

Haney retains undisputed World lightweight title

American Devin Haney kept his unbeaten record intact on Sunday by battering Australian George Kambosos with his thunderous right hand in a rematch to remain undisputed lightweight World champion. The 23-year-old successfully defended his WBC, WBA, IBF and WBO belts at Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena in a unanimous points decision – 119-109, 118-110, 118-110. Haney now looks to fight next either two-time Olympic champion Vasiliy Lomachenko or Shakur Stevenson.

Bhullar wins maiden Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational title

Gaganjeet Bhullar pulled off a stellar performance in the final round with one-under 71 to win his first-ever Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational golf tournament title here on Sunday. Bhullar (69-65-68-71), who was tied at the top with local player Karandeep Kocchar till the 18th hole, edged past his rival on his final putt, sinking a sensational 10-footer birdie to walk away with the winner's cheque with an overall score of 15-under 273.

Anirudh, Vijay end runner-up in Challenger doubles

Anirudh Chandrasekar and Vijay Sundar Prashanth were beaten 6-3, 6-1 in the doubles final by Julian Cash and Henry Patten in the $53,120 Challenger tennis tournament in Fairfield, USA.

The results: $53,120 Challenger, Fairfield, USA: Doubles (final): Julian Cash & Henry Patten (GBR) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-3, 6-1.

Gold for Atul and Ashakiran in Asian youth athletics

Atul and K.C. Servan won the gold and silver in the boys' discus throw at the Asian youth athletics championships in Kuwait on Sunday. Meanwhile, Ashakiran Barla won the gold in the girls 800m on Saturday.

The results (Indian medallists only): Boys: Discus: 1. Atul (56.23m), 2. K.C. Servan (55.91).
Girls: 800m: 1. Ashakiran Barla (2:06.79s).
2000m steeplechase: 2. Ekta Pradeep Dey (7:15.53s).
Pole vault: 2. Vanshika Ghanghas (3.70m).

LIVE TELECAST

Men's T20 World Cup: (Warm-up matches), Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.; **First-round**: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.

Pro-Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup: India vs Brazil, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 8.30 p.m.

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Tuesday)

La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Tuesday)

Shreyas, Manoj, Vidhwath help Karnataka bounce back

Services hands Kerala a first defeat despite fighting contributions by Baby and Samson

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

Sports Bureau

Karnataka bounced back with a win, while Kerala suffered its first loss on an eventful day in Group C of the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament at Mohali on Sunday.

Karnataka, after its defeat to Kerala, needed a victory against Jammu & Kashmir and it got convincingly enough. The former champion made 147 for seven and then bowled J&K out for 113 to win by 34 runs.

A couple of fighting knocks down the order – from impact player (substitute) Shreyas Gopal (48 not out, 38b, 4x4, 1x6) and Manoj Bhandge (41, 23b, 2x4, 4x6) – took Karnataka to the decent total.

Rescue act

Karnataka was 59 for five at one stage before Shreyas and Manoj came up with the rescue act, adding 62 for the sixth wicket

Then seamer Vidhwath Kaverappa took over. He claimed five for 11 from 3.2 overs.

Impact player Vivrant Sharma scored 63 off 46 balls (6x4, 2x6), but when he got out, J&K slid to 91 for seven. Abid Mushtaq, coming in at No. 8, scored 32 (26b, 3x4, 1x6), but that didn't make much of a difference as the J&K innings folded with eight balls remaining.

"Vidhwath bowled really well today and we are glad that our decision to field Shreyas as the impact player paid off," Karnataka's coach P.V. Shashikanth told *The Hindu*.

"But for that partnership between Shreyas and Manoj we would have been in trouble."

Earlier, Kerala fell short in its chase, as its innings ended at 136 with two balls remaining, handing Services a 12-run win. Sachin Baby (36, 35b, 1x4, 2x6) and skipper Sanju Samson (30, 26b, 3x4, 1x6) put on 52 for the fifth wicket, but their dismissals in successive overs proved costly for Kerala.

Earlier, opener Anshul Gupta top-scored with 39 (35b, 3x4, 1x6) in Services' 148 for eight.

Off-spinner Viasakh Chandran took three wickets and pacer K.M. Asif two.

Rattling the opposition: Vidhwath's five for 11 scuttled any hopes J&K harboured of making a match of it.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

Group A (Rajkot): Mumbai 155/8 in 20 overs (Shivam Dube 41, Aditya Sarwate 3/28) bt Vidarbha 140/6 in 20 overs (Shams Mulani 3/21).
Rajasthan 143/6 in 20 overs (Salman Khan 47 n.o.) lost to Uttarakhand 147/6 in 20 overs (Aditya Tare 34, Ravi Bishnoi 3/24).
Madhya Pradesh 190/5 in 20 overs (Rajat Patidar 92 n.o.) bt Railways 176/9 in 20 overs (Pratham Singh 55, Upendra Yadav 38, Ashwin Das 3/35).
Mizoram 115/9 in 20 overs (Taruwar Kohli 75) lost to Assam 118/3 in 16.3 overs (Subham Mandal 39, Riyan Parag 52 n.o.).
Group B (Jaipur): Tripura 158/8 in 20 overs (Bikramkumar Das 73) lost to Hyderabad 162/5 in 20 overs (Tilak Varma 67, Mickil Jaiswal 32).
Pondicherry 168/8 in 20 overs (Parameeswaran Sivaraman 43, Mohit Mittan 33, M. Vikneshwaran 39 n.o., Navdeep Saini 3/37) lost to Delhi 169/3 in 19.2 overs (Yash Dhull 71 n.o., Nitish Rana 36, Ayush Badoni 32 n.o.).
Goa 138/7 in 20 overs (Suyash Prabhudessai 64, Siddarth Kaul 4/28) lost to Punjab 142/1 in 15.4 overs (Abhishek Sharma 54 n.o., Prabhsimran Singh 74).
Manipur 137/4 in 20 overs (Karnajit Yumnam 64, Kangabam Singh 45 n.o.) lost to Uttar Pradesh 138/0 in 12.4 overs (Karan Sharma 79 n.o., Aryan Juyal 55 n.o.).
Group C (Mohali): Services 148/8 in 20 overs (Anshul Gupta 39, Vaisakh Chandran 3/28) bt Kerala 136 in 19.4 overs (Sachin Baby 36, Sanju Samson 30, Nitin Yadav 3/12, Arjun Sharma 3/36).
Maharashtra 144 in 20 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 38, Abhishek Kumar 4/37) bt Meghalaya 70 in 18.1 overs (Satyajeet Bachhav 4/20).
Karnataka 147/7 in 20 overs (Shreyas Gopal 48 n.o., Manoj Bhandage 41) bt Jammu & Kashmir 113 in 18.2 overs (Vivrant

Patidar. FILE PHOTO

Sharma 63, Abid Mushtaq 32, Vidhwath Kaverappa 5/11).
Haryana 190/6 in 20 overs (Chaitanya Bishnoi 78 n.o., Himanshu Rana 31) bt Arunachal Pradesh 86/8 in 20 overs (Rahul Tewatia 3/18).
Group D (Indore): Gujarat 162/7 in 20 overs (Urvil Patel 40, Chirag Gandhi 63) lost to Saurashtra 164/7 in 19 overs (Cheteshwar Pujara 38, Samarth Vyas 33).
Baroda 156/5 in 20 overs (Vishnu Solanki 39, Ambati Rayudu 52 n.o.) bt Bihar 120/8 in 20 overs (Sachin Kumar 38, Ninad Rathva 3/10).
Nagaland 169/4 in 20 overs (Shrikant Mundhe 91 n.o., Rongsen Jonathan 45) lost to Andhra 173/5 in 19 overs (Ashwin Hebbar 51, Ricky Bhui 36, Shaik Rasheed 37 n.o., Imliwati Lemtur 3/20).
Group E (Lucknow): Bengal 164/6 in 20 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 38, Ritwik Roy Chowdhury 32, Shahbaz Ahmed 42 n.o.) bt Tamil Nadu 121/9 in 20 overs (B. Sai Sudharsan 64, Shahbaz Ahmed 3/13), Chandigarh 179/6 in 20 overs (Bhagmender Lather 59, Ankit Kaushik 38, Raj Bawa 40 n.o.) lost to Odisha 181/9 in 20 overs (Shantanu Mishra 39, Subhranshu Senapati 47, Rakesh Pattnaik 61 n.o., Jagjit Singh 4/29).
Sikkim 52 in 14.5 overs (Sumit Ruikar 3/16, incl. a hat-trick) lost to Chhattisgarh 53/1 in 6.1 overs (Amandeep Khare 34 n.o.).
Monday is a rest day.

Arjun's counter-attack stuns World champion Carlsen

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Showing guts when it mattered, Arjun Erigaisi added to his growing reputation among the chess elite by stunning World champion Magnus Carlsen for his first victory over the World No. 1 and staying in the hunt for a place in the knockout phase of the $150,000 Aimchess Rapid online chess tournament on Saturday.

Overnight leader Uzbeklad Nodirbek Abdusattorov retained his lead to reach 17 points from a maximum of 24 in the league where three points are awarded for a win and one for a draw. He started the day with a loss to Vidit Gujrathi but recovered. Seven rounds remain in the league.

Arjun emerged as the best performer of the day, scoring three wins and a draw, to be tied fourth with Poland's Jan-Krzysztof Duda.

Arjun... causing a flutter yet again. FILE PHOTO

After beating Sweden's Nils Grandelius and USA's Daniel Naroditsky, Arjun completed a hat-trick of wins by nailing Carlsen in 54 moves with a brilliant counter-attack.

Arjun's choice of a queen-check - on the 27th turn - that launched a king-side counter-attack made the decisive difference. Till that point, Carlsen had cornered Arjun's king on the queen's side. Thereafter, Arjun's timely exchange of pieces enlarged his advantage and eventually an exasperated Carlsen gave up.

"That felt really good, I was really happy with the game," was how Arjun chose to describe his feelings.

Standings (after eight rounds): 1. Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 17/24), 2-3. Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze), Magnus Carlsen (Nor) (16 each); 4-5. Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Pol), Arjun Erigaisi (15 each); 6-8. D. Gukesh, Vincent Keymer (Ger), Anish Giri (Ned) (12 each); 9-10. Richard Rapport (Rom), Vidit Gujrathi (10 each); 11-12. Aditya Mittal, Daniel Noroditsky (USA) (9 each); 13. David Anton (Esp, 5); 14. Eric Hansen (Can, 4). 15-16. P. Harikrishna, Nils Grandelius (Swe) (3 each).

Icicle for Land Of Glory Plate

HYDERABAD: Trainer D. Netto's ward Icicle, who ran second in her last outing, should make amends in the Land Of Glory Plate, the main event of Monday's (Oct. 17) races here.

1 HALLMARK PLATE (1,600m), 5-y-o & upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 1.25 p.m.: 1. Lightning Fairy (5) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 2. New Hustle (3) B. Nikhil 60, 3. Stark (2) Aneel 59.5, 4. Sweet Melody (1) Gaurav Singh 59, 5. Lifetime (7) Surya Prakash 56.5, 6. Red River (4) R.S. Jodha 56.5 and 7. N R I Ruby (6) Santosh Raj 55.5.
1. LIGHTNING FAIRY, 2. RED RIVER, 3. LIFETIME

2 SIRCILLA PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.55: 1. General Atlantic (2) Gaurav Singh 60, 2. Top Diamond (5) Mukesh Kumar 58.5, 3. Quality Warrior (6) B.R. Kumar 58, 4. Gusty Note (3) A.A. Vikrant 57.5, 5. N R I Millennium (9) Antony Raj 57, 6. Hot Seat (1) Akshay Kumar 56, 7. Sporting Smile (7) Kuldeep Singh 55.5, 8. Star Cruise (4) Aneel 54.5 and 9. Fatuma (8) G. Naresh 52.
1. GENERAL ATLANTIC, 2. TOP DIAMOND, 3. HOT SEAT

3 FLORINA PLATE (DIV. I) (1,400m), Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.25: 1. Avancia (4) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Divine Destiny (3) P. Ajeeth Kumar 57.5, 3. Precious Gift (10) Santosh Raj 57.5, 4. True Marshal (8) Akshay Kumar 57.5, 5. Life Is Good (6) Md. Ismail 56.5, 6. Power Ranger (9) R.S. Jodha 56.5, 7. Shubhrak (5) G. Naresh 56.5, 8. Hoping Cloud (7) Mohit Singh 56, 9. Ikra (1) B.R. Kumar 56 and 10. Purple Rock (2) B. Nikhil 55.5.
1. AVANCIA, 2. PRECIOUS GIFT, 3. TRUE MARSHAL

4 KALESHAWARAM CUP (1,600m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.00: 1. Strauss (4) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Pinatubo (6) Mukesh Kumar 59, 3. Explosive (1) P. Ajeeth Kumar 58.5, 4. Carnival Lady (3) B. Nikhil 55.5, 5. Exclusive Spark (2) Mohit Singh 55, 6. Honourable Lady (7) Khurshad Alam 53, 7. Raniji (8) G. Naresh 52.5 and 8. Glimmer Of Hope (5) Gaurav Singh 52.
1. STRAUSS, 2. PINATUBO, 3. CARNIVAL LADY

5 LAND OF GLORY PLATE (2,000m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.30: 1. Icicle (Suraj Narredu) 60, 2. True Icon (8) Akshay Kumar 59, 3. Francis Bacon (9) Surya Prakash 57.5, 4. Beauty Flame (4) B. Nikhil 57, 5. Bandit King (2) Kiran Naidu 56.5, 6. Just Incredible (7) Santosh Raj 56.5, 7. Wallop And Gallop (1) Kuldeep Singh 55.5, 8. Advance Guard (6) P. Ajeeth Kumar 54 and 9. Grand Duke (5) Gaurav Singh 53.5.
1. ICICLE, 2. JUST INCREDIBLE, 3. TRUE ICON

6 NIJINSKY PLATE (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 4.00: 1. DRD (7) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 2. Unsung Hero (11) Rafique Sk. 57, 3. Rising Queen (6) Md. Ismail 56, 4. Bedford (10) Suraj Narredu 55, 5. Four One Four (8) Gaurav Singh 55, 6. Malaala (4) Kiran Naidu 55, 7. Briard Ridge (1) Santosh Raj 53, 8. Top In Class (5) Akshay Kumar 53, 9. Ambitious Star (2) Kuldeep Singh 52.5, 10. Angel Tesoro (9) G. Naresh 52 and 11. Costello (3) Uday Kiran 52.
1. BEDFORD, 2. TOP IN CLASS, 3. BRIAR RIDGE

7 SIRCILLA PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.30: 1. Garnet (5) Deepak Singh 60, 2. Cabello (6) Santosh Raj 59.5, 3. Golden Forza (9) A.A. Vikrant 59, 4. Mind Reader (3) R.S. Jodha 59, 5. Above The Law (4) Md. Ismail 57.5, 6. Indian Temple (7) B. Nikhil 57.5, 7. Pedro Planet (8) B.R. Kumar 57, 8. Aiza (1) Surya Prakash 54.5 and 9. Inside Story (2) Gaurav Singh 52.
1. ABOVE THE LAW, 2. CABELLO, 3. PEDRO PLANET

8 FLORINA PLATE (DIV. II) (1,400m) Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 5.00: 1. La Mirage (6) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Lafayette (9) Kiran Naidu 58.5, 3. Sergeant Reckless (5) Kuldeep Singh 58.5, 4. Pancho (8) M. Madhu Babu 58, 5. Fast Track (2) Khurshad Alam 57.5, 6. Survivor (4) Surya Prakash 57.5, 7. Miss Solitaire (3) Akshay Kumar 57, 8. Sweet Whisper (7) R.S. Jodha 57, 9. Deccan Ranger (1) Md. Ismail 56.5 and 10. Saint Emilion (10) Gaurav Singh 56.
1. MISS SOLITAIRE, 2. LA MIRAGE, 3. SERGEANT RECKLESS
Day's Best: **STRAUSS**
Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Mini Jackpot: (i) 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3, (ii) 3, 4 & 5, (iii) 6, 7 & 8.
Tanala : All races.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Advani to take on Damani for honours

Pankaj Advani will meet Brijesh Damani in the professional billiards individual final at the 18th PSPB Inter Unit Billiards and Snooker Tournament being held at the KSBA.

The results (semifinals):
Professional billiards: Pankaj Advani (ONGC) bt Ishpreet Singh (GAIL) 3-1 [101(50)-28, 02-101(84), 101-44, 100(67)-57]; Brijesh Damani (IOCL) bt Sourav Kothari (ONGC) 3-2 [102(51)-13, 33-101, 101(83)-00, 89-102(74), 100(56)-30)].
Non-professional billiards: Raufeek (GAIL) bt Arif Akhtar (IOCL) 149 - 139; Tolan Baruah (OIL) bt Rachit Madan (GAIL) 146-100.

Shuttlers Sourabh and Tanya reign supreme

Sourabh Verma and Tanya Hemanth secured the men's and women's singles titles respectively at the Infosys Foundation India International badminton challenge here on Sunday.

The results: Singles: Men: Sourabh Verma bt Mithun Manjunath 21-18, 17-21, 21-16.

Women: Tanya Hemanth bt Gadde Ruthvika Shivani 21-19, 17-21, 21-17.

Doubles: Men: C. Charoenkitamorn & N. Yordphaisong (Tha) bt Tanadon Punpanich & Wachirawit Sothon (Tha) 21-11, 21-14.

Women: Ashwini Bhat & Shikha Gautam bt Arul Bala Radhakrishnan & Varshini Viswanath Sri 21-16, 21-15.

Mixed doubles: Sai Pratheek & Ashwini Ponnappa bt Rohan Kapoor & Reddy Sikki 21-16, 11-21, 21-18.

Champions all: The various winners in the Infosys Foundation India International badminton challenge. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Triumphant: The BPSS squad that prevailed over Thancos Students Union FC 8-1 in the final to lift the KSFA Futsal League title on Sunday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Manish and Vaidehi win maiden National tennis crowns

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Manish Sureshkumar and Vaidehi Chaudhari asserted themselves as the top seeds, preserving their best for the final and cruised home as champions, in the Fenesta National tennis championship at the DLTA Complex on Sunday. It was the maiden National crowns for both Manish and Vaidehi.

Wrestling star Bajrang Punia presented the trophies.

The results (finals): Men: Manish Sureshkumar bt Digvijay Pratap Singh 6-2, 6-3.
Women: Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Sai Samhitha 6-2, 6-0.
Under-18: Boys: Denim Yadav bt Aman Dahiya 7-6(2), 6-4.
Girls: Madhurima Sawant bt Suhitha Maruri 6-3, 6-2.

India's men's air rifle team shoots gold at the World Championship

Sports Bureau

It was another gold for India as Arjun Babuta, Kiran Jadhav and Rudrankksh Patil powered the team to a 16-10 victory over China in air rifle men's team event of the World Championship in Cairo, Egypt, on Sunday.

The women's team of Elavenil Valarivan, Meghana Sajjanar and Mehuli Ghosh beat Germany 17-11 for the bronze.

Silver in pistol events

In the 25m standard pistol mixed team junior event, Manvi Jain and Sameer Ghulia won silver after being beaten 17-3 by Feng Sixuan and Liu Yangpan of China.

Payal Khatri and Sahil Dudhane beat a Norway pair 16-14 for the bronze.

In air pistol women's team event, Palak Gulia, Rhythm Sangwan and Yuvika Tomar were beaten to the gold 16-8 by China.

Sharpshooters: The triumphant air rifle team with the coaching staff. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The results: Air rifle team: Men: 1. India (Arjun Babuta, Kiran Jadhav, Rudrankksh Patil) 16 (6229.4) 945.2; 2. China (Sheng Lihao, Song Buhan, Yang Haoran) 10 (628.3) 946.6; 3. Serbia 16 (624.8) 939.9; 4. Hungary 4 (626.2) 940.2.

Women: 1. China 16 (631.2) 940.88; 2. USA 12 (630.6) 941.1; 3. Inida (Elavenil Valarivan, Meghana Sajjanar, Mehuli Ghosh) 17 (630.1) 947.0; 4. Germany (Anna Janssen, Danise Palborn, Hannah Steffen) 11 (628.6) 941.1.

Air pistol team women: 1. China (Jiang Ranxin, Li Xue, Lu Kaiman) 16 (576) 879; 2. India (Palak Gulia, Rhythm Sangwan, Yuvika Tomar) 8 (571) 860; 3. Iran 16 (570) 866; 4. Mongolia 14 (567) 853.

25m standard pistol mixed team: 1. China (Feng Sixuan, Liu Yangpan) 17 (373) 564; 2. India (Manvi Jain, Sameer Ghulia) 3 (378) 564; 3. India-2 (Pyal Khatri, Sahil Dudhane) 16 (368) 553; 4. Nor (Ane Bjorkas Tongersen, Hans Wang Noestvold) 14 (364) 535.